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LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

FEBRUARY 1855.

The Rt. Rev. THOMAS FREDERICK DAVIS, D. D. *Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Grace Church, Camden.*

The Rev. Thos. S. Arthur, *Rector of Christ Church, Greenville.*

" Wm. H. Barnwell, *residing in Beaufort.*

" Edmund E. Bellinger, *Rector of Trinity Church, Edgefield.*

" Charles T. Bland, *Missionary in Union and Spartanburg Districts.*

" John B. Campbell, *Rector of St. Philip's Church, Charleston.*

" Augustus L. Converse, *residing in Stateburg.*

" Andrew H. Cornish, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.*

" John H. Cornish, *Rector of St. Thaddæus's Church, Aiken.*

" M. A. Curtis, D. D. *Rector of Trinity Church, Society Hill.*

" Thomas F. Davis, Jr. *Assistant Minister of Grace Church, Camden.*

" Wm. Dehon, *Rector of the Churches of St. Stephen's and Upper St. John's.*

" J. Grimke Drayton, *Rector of St. Andrew's Parish.*

" James H. Elliott, *Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church, Charleston.*

" Stephen Elliott, *Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish.*

" John R. Fell, *Rector of Christ Church Parish.*

" John Foster.

" Christopher P. Gadsden, *Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, Charleston.*

" Philip Gadsden, *Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Stono, and St. Paul's Church, Summerville.*

" Paul T. Gervais, *residing in St. John's, John's Island.*

" T. J. Girardeau, Deacon, *Minister of the Church of the Messiah, N. Santee.*

" Alexander Glennie, *Rector of All Saints' Parish, Waccamaw.*

" Richardson Graham.

" Alexander Gregg, *Rector of St. David's Church, Cheraw.*

" Wm. Greene, (Deacon,)

" Charles H. Hall, *Rector of St. John's, John's Island.*

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The Rev. Christian Hanckel, D. D. *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro', Charleston.*

" James Stuart Hanckel, *Rector of St. Thomas & St. Dennis's Parish.*

" Wm. H. Hanckel, *Rector of the Church on Edisto Island.*

" Robert Henry, D. D. *Professor in the South-Carolina College.*

" Robt. T. Howard, *Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.*

" Wm. B. W. Howe, *Rector of St. John's Berkley.*

" Joseph Hunter, *Rector of Prince Frederick's Chapel, Peedee.*

" Nathaniel Hyatt, *Rector of St. James's, Santee.*

" P. Gervais Jenkins, M. D. (Deacon,) *Missionary in St. Luke's Parish.*

" Benjamin Johnson, *Assistant Minister of St. Bartholomew's Parish.*

" Roberts P. Johnson, *Rector of St. John's Church, Fairfield.*

" P. Trapier Keith, *Rector of St. Michael's Church, Charleston.*

" Lucien C. Lance, (Deacon,) *Assistant Minister of All Saints' Parish, Waccamaw.*

" Maurice H. Lance, *residing near Georgetown.*

" Charles E. Leverett, *Rector of Prince William's Parish.*

" Edward C. Logan, *Teacher in the School, and Assistant Minister of the Parish of St. Thomas & St. Dennis.*

" Thomas N. Lucas, *Rector of St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs.*

" Alexander W. Marshall, D. D. *Minister of St. John's Chapel, Hampstead, Charleston.*

" David McElheran, *Rector of St. Helena's Church, St. Helena Island.*

" John D. McCollough, *Rector of Calvary Church, Glenn Springs, and Church of the Advent, Spartanburg.*

" Stiles Mellichamp, *Rector of St. James's Ch. James Island.*

" James W. Miles, *Professor in the Charleston College.*

" Augustus Moore, (Deacon,) *Missionary at Mar's Bluff, Darlington District.*

" Edward Phillips, *Missionary at Shepardsville, Charleston.*

" C. C. Pinckney, Jr. *Assistant Minister of Grace Church, Charleston.*

" A. T. Porter, (Deacon,) *Minister of the Church of the Holy Communion, Cannonsboro', Charleston.*

" Wm. T. Potter, *Missionary to the Slaves in Beaufort District.*

The Rev. Wm. O. Prentiss, *Missionary in St. Bartholomew's Parish.*
" J. Maxwell Pringle. *Rector of Zion Church, Richland.*
" John J. Roberts, *Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Claremont, Stateburg.*
" Edward Reed, *Rector of St. Mark's Church, Clarendon.*
" J. J. Sams, (Deacon,)
" Joseph B. Seabrook, *Assistant Minister of St. Luke's Parish.*
" Richard S. Seely, *Rector of Emmanuel Church, Chester.*
" John Sellwood, *Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.*
" Peter J. Shand, *Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.*
" J. A. Shanklin, *Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.*
" Wm. W. Spear, *Rector of Grace Church, Charleston.*
" James Stoney, M. D. *Rector of St. Luke's Parish.*
" Paul Trapier, *Minister of Calvary Church, Charleston.*
" Edwin A. Wagner, *Assistant Minister of the Church of the Advent, Spartanburg.*
" C. Bruce Walker, *Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Edgefield.*
" Edward T. Walker, *Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newberry.*
" Joseph R. Walker, D. D. *Rector of St. Helena's Parish, Beaufort.*
" C. Wallace, *Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.*
" Benjamin C. Webb.
" Arthur Wigfall, *Chaplain in the Female Seminary, Barhamville, near Columbia.*
" Alsop Woodward, *residing at Bluffton.*

Bishop,.....1
Presbyters,.....66
Deacons,..... 7

Total,.....74

The following Clergymen did not attend the sessions of the Convention, viz:—

The Rev. T. S. Arthur,
" Wm. H. Barnwell,
" C. T. Bland,
" A. L. Converse,
" M. A. Curtis, D. D.
" John Foster,
" T. J. Girardeau,
" A. Gregg,
" Wm. Greene,
" C. H. Hall,
" R. Henry, D. D.
" B. Johnson,
" R. P. Johnson,
" L. C. Lance,
" M. H. Lance,
" T. N. Lucas,
" J. W. Miles,
" E. Phillips,
" W. O. Prentiss,
" J. J. Roberts,
" J. J. Sams,
" J. B. Seabrook,
" R. S. Seely,
" E. A. Wagner,
" B. C. Webb.—25.

LIST OF PARISHES AND CHURCHES,

IN THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA, WITH THE DATES OF THEIR FOUNDATION ANNEXED.

1	*St. Philip's* (original Church built 1681) *Parish*,		1704,	
2	*St. James's*	*Parish*, Santee,	1706,	April 9
3	*St. Andrew's*	"	1706,	Nov. 30
4	*St. Bartholomew's*	"	1706,	..
5	*Christ Church*	"	1706,	..
6	*St. James's*	" Goose Creek,	1706,	..
7	*St. John's*	" Berkley,	1706,	..
8	*St. Thomas & St. Dennis's*	"	1706,	..
9	*St. Paul's*	" Stono,	1706,	..
10	*St. Helena's*	" Beaufort,	1712,	
11	*Prince George's*	" Winyaw,	1721,	
12	*St. John's*	" John's Island,	1734,	
13	*Prince Frederick's*	" 1734, Chapel Peedee,	1838,	
14	*Prince William's*	"	1745,	
15	*St. Michael's*	" 1751, Church built,	1761,	
16	*St. Mark's*	" Clarendon,	1757,	
17	*All Saints'*	" Waccamaw.	1767,	
18	*St. Luke's*	"	1767,	
19	*St. Matthew's*	"	1768,	
20	*St. David's*	" 1768, Church, Cheraw,	1820,	
21	*Church on Edisto Island*,		1774,	
22	*Claremont Church*,	Stateburg,	1788,	
23	*St. Helena Church*,	St. Helena Island,		
24	*Pineville & Upper St. John's*,		1807,	
25	*St. Paul's Ch. Radcliffeboro'*,	Charleston,	1810,	
26	*Trinity Church*,	Columbia,	1812,	
27	*Grace Church*,	Sullivan's Island,	1817,	
28	*St. Paul's Church*,	Pendleton, about	1821,	
29	*Christ Church*,	Greenville,	1825,	
30	*Grace Church*,	Camden,	1830,	
31	*St. James's Church*,	James Island,	1831,	

32	*St. Peter's Church,*	Charleston,	1832,
33	*Trinity Church,*	Society Hill,	1833,
34	*Christ Church,*	Wilton,	1834,
35	*Holy Trinity Church,*	Grahamville,	1834,
36	*Trinity Church,*	Edgefield,	1835,
37	*St. John's Church,*	Fairfield,	1839,
38	*St. Philip's Church,*	Bradford Springs,	1841,
39	*Trinity Church,*	Abbeville,	1842,
40	*Church of the Messiah,*	North Santee,	1842,
41	*Church of St. Thaddæus,*	Aiken,	1842,
42	*Emmanuel Church,*	Chester,	1843,
43	*Zion Church,*	Richland,	1844,
44	*Church of the Epiphany,*	Laurens,	1846,
45	*Grace Church,*	Charleston,	1846,
46	*St. Luke's Church,*	Newberry,	1846,
47	*Ascension Church,*	Gillisonville,	1847,
48	*Church of the Advent,*	Spartanburg,	1847,
49	*Ch. of the Holy Communion,*	Cannonsboro', Ch'leston,	1848,
50	*Church of the Holy Apostles,*	Barnwell,	1850,
51	*Calvary Church,*	Glenn Springs,	1850,
52	*Grace Church,*	Anderson C. H.	1851,
53	*Church of the Redeemer,*	Orangeburg C. H.	1851,
54	*Christ Church,*	Charleston,	1855,
55	*Church of the Mediator,*	Columbia,	1855,

CONGREGATIONS

NOT ENTITLED TO A REPRESENTATION IN THE CONVENTION.

St. Stephen's Chapel,	Charleston,	1822,	*Mission Congregations.*
St. John's Chapel,	Hampstead, Charleston,	1839,	
Calvary Church,	Charleston,	1849,	

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES

TO THE CONVENTION OF 1855.

1. *St. Philip's Church, Charleston,* *Edward McCrady, *Henry D. Lesesne, J. J. Pringle Smith, and *W. Alston Pringle.
2. *St. James's, Santee,* *C. C. Pinckney, Frederick Rutledge, Charles B. Lucas, Dr. A. E. Gadsden.
3. *St. Andrew's.*
4. *St. Bartholomew's,* *John W. Lewis, *Nathaniel Heyward.
5. *Christ Church,* *Daniel Lesesne.
6. *St. James's Goose Creek.*
7. *St. John's Berkley,* *Dr. S. W. Barker, *Keating S. Ball, *John Harleston, Dr. Benjamin Huger.
8. *St. Thomas and St. Dennis's,* *J. L. Nowell, Alfred Huger, James Rose, Wm. J. Ball.
9. *St. Paul's, Stono.*
10. *St. Helena's, Beaufort,* *Dr. A. S. Gibbes, R. W. Barnwell.
11. *Prince George's, Winyaw,* J. Harleston Read, *Benjamin H. Wilson, Joseph B. Pyatt, James H. Trapier.
12. *St. John's, John's Island,* S. P. Chisolm, Daniel LaRoche, C. J. Whaley, *Richard J. LaRoche.
13. *Prince Frederick's, Peedee,* Hon. R. F. W. Allston, *Dr. J. R. Sparkman, A. H. Belin, R. S. Izard.
14. *Prince William's,* Thomas M. Hanckel, William H. Heyward.
15. *St. Michael's, Charleston,* Dr. I. M. Campbell, *Dr. James P. Jervey, *J. K. Sass, *George S. Bryan.
16. *St. Mark's, Clarendon,* *R. J. Manning.
17. *All Saints', Waccamaw,* John H. Tucker, Thomas Pinckey Alston, *Plowden C. J. Weston.
18. *St. Luke's,* *Thomas F. Drayton, J. J. Pope, Sen., G. Henry Guerard, Dr. P. Pritchard.
19. *St. Matthew's.*

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* Present.

20. *St. David's, Cheraw,* *T. E. B. Pegues, Dr. Thos. E. Powe, Wm. Godfrey, Jas. Gillespie.
21. *Church on Edisto Island,* *Dr. W. M. Bailey, John Hanahan, Jabez Wescoat, E. M. Seabrook.
22. *Claremont Church, Stateburg.*
23. *St. Helena, St. Helena Island,* Thos. A. Coffin, *Dr. N. H. Gibbes.
24. *Pineville nnd Upper St. John's,* *Thomas W. Porcher, *Julian Porcher, *Charles Sinkler, *W. M. Porcher.
25. *St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough,* *Dr. W. T. Wragg, *J. F. Blacklock, T. G. Simons, Jr., *C. R. Brewster.
26. *Trinity, Columbia,* *Frank Hampton, *R. W. Gibbes, Jr., Thos. Taylor.
27. *Grace Church, Sullivan's Island,* *Jacob Bond I'On, *James L. Petigru, *William Jervey, Otis Mills.
28. *St. Paul's, Pendleton,* *W. Alston Hayne, *W. R. Colhoun, Dr. W. L. Jenkins, M. D. Gaillard.
29. *Christ Church, Greenville,* William Choice, Thomas M. Cox, Dr. Theodore Croft, Dr. Randal Croft.
30. *Grace Church, Camden,* Dr. Lynch H. Deas, *John M. L Saussure, Joseph B. Kershaw, Z. J. DeHay.
31. *St. James's, James Island,* *J. B. F. Minott, *John Rivers.
32. *St Peter's, Charleston,* *Geo. M. Coffin, *T. Y. Simons, Jr., James Legare, *E. L. Kerrison.
33. *Trinity, Society Hill.*
34. *Christ Church, Wilton,* *Joseph E. Jenkins, *Joseph W. Faber, James C. Megget, John LaRoche.
35. *Holy Trinity, Grahamville,* *John H. Howard, *C. C. Dupont, H. M. Parker, William C. Howard.
36. *Trinity, Edgefield,* *Hon. F. H. Wardlaw, *F. W. Pickens, E. Seibels, Dr. E. Bland.
37. *St. John's, Fairfield.*
38. *St. Philip's, Bradford Springs.*
39. *Trinity, Abbeville.*
40. *Messiah, North Santee,* *James H. Ladson, Andrew Johnstone, *James R. Pringle, Simons Lucas.
41. *St. Thaddæus, Aiken,* William Lucas, O. J. Chafee.
42. *Emmanuel, Chester.*
43. *Zion, Richland,* Thomas B. Clarkson,
44. *Epiphany, Laurens.*

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* Present.

45. *Grace Church, Charleston,* *Wm. Whaley, *Dr. Thomas P. Green, *C. G. Memminger, Benj. S. Rhett.
46. *St. Luke's, Newberry,* *E. S. Bailey, S. Hurd, N. Brownson, A. C. Garlington.
47. *Ascension, Gillisonville.*
48. *Advent, Spartanburg,* J. H. Carson, J. M. Elford.
49. *Holy Communion,* *A. V. Dawson, *John Bryan, H. L. Toomer.
50. *Holy Apostles, Barnwell.*
51. *Calvary, Glenn Springs.*
52. *Grace Church, Anderson.*
53. *Redeemer, Orangeburg.*
54. *Christ Church, Charleston,* *Fred. A. Ford, Edwin Heriot, *John Phillips, *Edward B. White.
55. *Mediator, Columbia.*

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* Present.

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION.

Charleston, February 14th, 1855.

This being the day and place appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of South-Carolina, for the Sixty-sixth Annual Convention, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. Philip's Church, Charleston, at ten o'clock, A. M.

After Morning Prayers and the Litany by the Rev. A. Glennie, and the Ante-communion service by the Bishop, a Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Barnwell Campbell. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Hanckel and the Rev. Messrs. Glennie, Campbell and Reed.

The alms were collected by the Rev. Messrs. Jenkins and Porter, Deacons.

After a recess the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The Roll was called from the list of the Clergy furnished by the Bishop, and the following Clergymen answered to their names, viz:

The Rt. Rev. T. F. Davis, D. D.

The Rev. E. E. Bellinger,
" J. B. Campbell,
" A. H. Cornish,
" J. H. Cornish,
" T. F. Davis, Jr.
" Wm. Dehon,
" J. G. Drayton,
" J. H. Elliott,
" S. Elliott,
" J. R. Fell,
" C. P. Gadsden,
" P. Gadsden,
" P. T. Gervais,
" A. Glennie,
" R. Graham,
" C. Hanckel, D. D.
" J. S. Hanckel,
" Wm. H. Hanckel,
" R. T. Howard,
" Wm. B. W. Howe,
" Joseph Hunter,
" P. G. Jenkins,

The Rev. P. T. Keith,
" C. E. Leverett,
" A W. Marshall, D. D.
" D. McElherau,
" J. D. McCollough,
" A. Moore,
" C. C. Pinckney, Jr.
" A. T. Porter,
" Wm. T. Potter,
" J. M. Pringle,
" E. Reed,
" J. Sellwood,
" J. A. Shanklin,
" Wm. W. Spear,
" J. Stoney,
" P. Trapier,
" C. B. Walker,
" E. T. Walker,
" J. R. Walker, D. D.
" C. Wallace,
" A. Woodward,

The Roll of Churches and Parishes was then called, and Delegates answered from the following, viz :

St. Philip's, Charleston ; St. Michael's ; St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough ; St. Peter's ; Grace, Charleston ; Holy Communion ; Grace, Camden ; St. Paul's, Pendleton ; Pineville and Upper St. John's ; St. John's Berkley ; Prince Frederick's ; All Saints' ; St. David's ; St. Luke's ; St. Bartholomew's ; Trinity, Edgefield ; Messiah ; Christ Church ; Holy Trinity, Grahamville ; Grace, Sullivan's Island ; St. Helena, St. Helena Island ; St. James's Santee ; Christ Church, Wilton ; and Trinity, Columbia.

The list of the Clergy was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Trapier, Spear and Glennie.

The Certificates of Lay Delegates were then handed in to the Secretary, and referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Lesesne, Sass and Dr. Jervey.

The Committee on the list of the Clergy, reported as follows, viz :

The Committee on the list of the Clergy, respectfully report,

1. That the following Clergymen are entitled to *all* the privileges of members of this Convention, viz :

The Rev. T. S. Arthur,
" E. E. Bellinger,
" J. B. Campbell,
" A. H. Cornish,
" J. H. Cornish,
" M. A. Curtis, D. D.
" Wm. Dehon,
" J. G. Drayton,
" J. H. Elliott,
" S. Elliott,
" J. R. Fell,
" C. P. Gadsden,
" P. Gadsden,
" A. Glennie,
" A. Gregg,
" C. H. Hall,
" C. Hanckel D. D.
" J. S. Hanckel,
" W. H. Hanckel,
" R. T. Howard,
" W. B. W. Howe,
" Joseph Hunter,
The Rev. N. Hyatt,
" B. Johnson,
" R. P. Johnson,
" P. T. Keith,
" C. E. Leverett,
" E. C. Logan,
" D. McElheran,
" J. D. McCollough,
" S. Mellichamp,
" C. C. Pinckney, Jr.
" J. M. Pringle,
" J. J. Roberts,
" J. B. Seabrook,
" R. S. Seely,
" John Sellwood,
" P. J. Shand,
" W. W. Spear,
" James Stoney,
" E. A. Wagner,
" C. B Walker,
" E. T. Walker,
" Jos. R. Walker, D. D.

2. That the following Clergymen are entitled to all the privileges of membership, except the right to vote in matters relating to the temporal affairs of the Churches, viz :

The Rev. C. T. Bland,
" A. W. Marshall, D. D.
" W. T. Potter,
The Rev. Wm. O. Prentiss,
" Paul Trapier,
" C. Wallace.

3. That the following are entitled to *seats*, but not to *votes*, viz:

The Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr.	The Rev. Jas. W. Miles,
" P. T. Gervais,	" A. Moore,
" T. J. Girardeau,	" E. Phillips,
" R. Henry, D. D.	" A. T. Porter,
" P. G. Jenkins,	" J. J. Sams,
" L. C. Lance,	" J. A. Shanklin,
" M. H. Lance,	" B. C. Webb,
" Thos. N. Lucas,	" A. Woodward.

4. That the following are not entitled to either votes or seats, viz:

The Rev. W. H. Barnwell,	The Rev. R Graham,
" A. L. Converse,	" Wm. Greene,
" J. Foster,	" A. Wigfall.

As to the position of the Rev. E. Reed, the Committee are doubtful, and beg leave to report the facts of this case for the consideration of the Convention. Respectfully,

PAUL TRAPIER, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee was accepted.

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported as follows:

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find that the following Delegates have been duly elected, viz:

St. Philip's Church, Charleston, Edward McCrady, Henry D. Lesesne, J. J. Pringle Smith, and W. Alston Pringle.

St. Michael's Church, Charleston, Dr. I. M. Campbell, Dr. James P. Jervey, J. K. Sass, George S. Bryan.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough, Dr W. T. Wragg, J. F. Blacklock, T. G. Simons, Jr., and C. R. Brewster.

St. Peter's Church, Charleston, Geo. M. Coffin, T. Y. Simons, Jr., James Legare, E. L. Kerrison.

Grace Church, Charleston, Wm. Whaley, Dr. Thos. P. Green, C. G. Memminger, Benj. S. Rhett.

Church of the Holy Communion, A. V. Dawson, John Bryan, H. L. Toomer.

Grace Church, Camden, Dr. Lynch H. Deas, Jno. M. DeSaussure, Joseph B. Kershaw, Z. J. DeHay.

Church of the Advent, Spartanburg, J. H. Carson, J. M. Elford.

St. Paul's, Pendleton, W. Alston Hayne, W. R. Colhoun, Dr. W. L. Jenkins, M. D. Gaillard.

Pineville & Upper St. John's, Thomas W. Porcher, Julian Porcher, Charles Sinkler, W. M. Porcher.

St Helena, Beaufort, Dr. A. S. Gibbes, R. W. Barnwell.

St John's Berkley, Dr. S. W. Barker, Keating S. Ball, John Harleston, Dr. Benj. Huger.

P. Frederick's, Peedee, R. F. W. Allston, Dr. J. R. Sparkman, A. H. Belin, R. S. Izard.

St. John's Church, John's Island, S. P. Chisolm, Daniel LaRoche, C. J. Whaley, Richard J. LaRoche.

All Saints', Waccamaw, John H. Tucker, Thomas Pinckney Alston, Plowden C. J. Weston.

Prince William's Parish, Thomas M. Hanckel, Wm. H. Heyward.

Church on Edisto Island, Dr. W. M. Bailey, John Hanahan, Jabez Wescoat, E. M. Seabrook.

St. David's Church, Cheraw, T. E. B. Pegues, Dr. Thos. E. Powe, Wm. Godfrey, Jas. Gillespie.

St. Thaddæus, Aiken, William Lucas, O. J. Chafee.

St. Luke's, Thomas F. Drayton. J. J. Pope, Sen., G. Henry Guerard, Dr. P. Pritchard.

St. Bartholmew's, John W. Lewis, Nathaniel Heyward.

Trinity Church, Edgefield, Hon. F. H. Wardlaw, F. W. Pickens, E. Seibels, Dr. E. Bland.

Prince George, Winyaw, J. Harleston Read, Benj. H. Wilson, Jos. B. Pyatt, James H. Trapier.

Church of the Messiah, North Santee, James H. Ladson, Andrew Johnstone, James R. Pringle, Simons Lucas.

St. James's Church, James Island, J. B. F. Minott, John Rivers.

Christ Church Parish, Daniel Lesesne.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, John H. Howard, C. C. Dupont, H. M. Parker, William C. Howard.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, Jacob Bond I'On, Jas. L. Petigru, William Jervey, Otis Mills.

St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island, Thomas A. Coffin, Dr. N. H. Gibbes.

St. James's Santee, C. C. Pinckney, Frederick Rutledge, Charles B. Lucas, Dr. A. E. Gadsden.

Christ Church, Wilton, Joseph E. Jenkins, Joseph W. Faber, Jas. C. Meggett, John LaRoche.

Trinity Church, Columbia, Frank Hampton, R. W. Gibbes, Jr., and Thomas Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY D. LESESNE, *Chairman.*

The report was accepted.

The names of Lay Delegates were called, and the following gentlemen found present, viz:

Messrs. McCrady, H. D. Lesesne, W. A. Pringle, Dr. Jervey, Sass, Dr. Wragg, Blacklock, Brewster, Coffin, T. Y. Simons, Jr., Legare, Whaley, Dr. Greene, Memminger, John Bryan, DeSaussure, Colhoun, Thos. W. Porcher, Julian Porcher, Sinkler, Dr. Barker, Ball, Harleston, Sparkman, Weston, Pegues, Dr. Powe, Drayton, Lewis, Heyward, Chancellor Wardlaw, Ladson, J. R. Pringle, Daniel Lesesne, Howard, Dupont, I'On, William Jervey, C. C. Pinckney, Jenkins, Robt. W. Gibbes, Jr.

A quorum of both orders being present, the Bishop declared the Convention duly organized.

The Rules of Order were then read.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. McElheran, the Rev. C. Wallace was unanimously re-elected Secretary, *viva voce.*

The Secretary appointed the Rev. A. T. Porter his Assistant.

On motion of Mr. McCrady the Rules of Order were suspended, in order to allow him to offer a new Canon for the trial of a Clergyman.

Mr. McCrady then proposed the following Canon, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. McCrady, Memminger, Lesesne and Wardlaw.

CANON 3.

TRIAL OF A MINISTER.

SECTION 1.—In order to bring a Minister to trial before an Ecclesiastical Court, a charge shall be made in the first place to the Standing Committee in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese, setting forth the facts alleged, and the names of the witnesses who will prove the same; with copies or proper reference to any other evidence required. If the Standing Committee shall be of opinion that the facts charged will establish any of the offences enumerated in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese or of the General Convention, and that it would be for the good of the Church that further proceedings should be had, they shall ascertain whether there is proof sufficient to put the accused upon his trial; and if satisfied, they shall thereupon cause a presentment to be made to the Bishop charging the accused with the offence or offences which they deem to be contained in the evidence, and specifying the facts with such reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances, as shall be sufficient for a judicial investigation.

SEC. 2.—The presentment having been made, the Bishop shall forthwith cause to be placed in a box the names of all the Presbyters of this Diocese who for the time being are actually engaged in duty therein, (excepting the accused, the presenting Presbyters, and those on the Standing Committee:) he shall then cause twelve of the said names to be drawn out by a child under ten years of age; and the said twelve names shall be inscribed on a list. The Bishop shall immediately cause a copy of the said list and of the presentment to be

served on the accused, or left at his usual place of residence. Within thirty days thereafter the accused shall strike off the names of three of the Presbyters on the said list, and give notice thereof to the Bishop; and the Bishop shall thereupon send a list of the remaining Presbyters to the President of the Standing Committee, who shall within fifteen days thereafter strike off the names of three more, and give notice thereof to the Bishop. If either party shall fail to notify the Bishop as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to strike off so many names as the party failing was required to strike off; and in each case, the six remaining Presbyters shall constitute a Council for the trial of the accused. But nothing herein contained shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop to institute an inquiry on his own motion, according to the thirty-seventh Canon of the General Convention.

Sec. 3.—The Council shall hold its session at such time and place, and in public, or with such privacy as the Bishop may appoint. It shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day, for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the Council who may be present, being not less than four, shall proceed to trial: The Council shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body, and the latter from their own body, or otherwise; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may be called upon by the Council to administer an oath, or affirmation, to the witnesses; and upon all questions the concurrence of a majority of the members present shall be sufficient for a decision.

Sec. 4—The Council shall, immediately after it shall be organized, appoint one or more communicants of this Church, of the Profession of the Law, to be its assessors; who may be present at all its proceedings. It shall be their duty to give to the Council an opinion upon all questions which may arise, upon which the Council, or any member thereof, or the prosecuting or accused party shall desire an opinion, but without any voice in the decision of any question.

Sec. 5.—A written notice of the time and place of meeting of the Council shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode at least thirty days before such meeting, and the like notice shall be given to the Standing Committee, who, by their President or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence, and otherwise appear in behalf of the Prosecution. The accused also shall be allowed the privilege of Counsel, under such regulations as the Council may see fit to prescribe.

SEC. 6.—If the accused do not appear, the Council may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he fail to appear, the Council shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that end before the Council; and if he does not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 7.—Upon the application of the President of the Standing Committee, or the accused, to the Bishop, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint (a Clergyman; or Layman, as) a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and the party applying shall give to the other party five days notice of the time and place of taking the deposition. If the party to whom such notice is to be given, reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and signed by the witness; and the deposition, certified by the Commissioner and transmitted, under seal, to the Council.

SEC. 8.—When the trial shall be gone through, the Council shall declare, in a writing to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty or not guilty; and if guilty, suggesting what sentence, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced. They shall forward the decision, together with the evidence and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon, the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence, as shall to him appear proper, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case, a new Council shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted, as before provided.

SEC. 9.—If at any time the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop, (such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the Council,) shall proceed to pass sentence; and if, when put upon his trial before the Council, the accused shall neither admit, nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty.

SEC. 10.—It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session, after the trial of a Minister, as herein provided, the finding of the Council and his sentence thereupon.

SEC. 11.—Nothing herein contained shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop to institute an inquiry on his own motion according to the Canons of the General Convention.

The Committee on the List of the Clergy, reported verbally the facts in the case of the Rev. E. Reed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. McElheran, Mr. Reed was admitted to *all* the privileges of a member of this Convention.

The applications of Churches to be received into union with this Convention, were referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. J. H. Cornish, and Messrs. Sass and Lesesne.

The Bishop appointed as preacher for the next Convention, the Rev. W. B. W. Howe, and the Rev. P. Trapier as his alternate.

Also, as the Committee on Unfinished Business, the Rev. C. P. Gadsden, and Messrs. W. A. Pringle and Whaley.

Also, as the Committee on Finance, Messrs. Blacklock, J. R. Pringle and DeSaussure.

The Standing Committee reported as follows, viz :

The Standing Committee respectfully report, that since the meeting of the last Convention, they have given their consent, in conformity with Canon III. Sec. 2, of 1841, to the election of the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Missionary Bishop of the Northwest, as Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin. Also, in conformity with Canon V. Sec. 1, of 1832, to the consecration of the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., as Bishop elect of Iowa; of the Rev. Thomas March Clark, D. D., as Bishop elect of Rhode Island; and of the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., as provisional Bishop of the Diocese of New York.

They have recommended to the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. John Foster, Deacon, for Priests' Orders, and Messrs. Thomas J. Girardeau, A. Toomer Porter and Lucien C. Lance, for Deacon's Orders.

They have also recommended to the Bishop, as candidates for Holy Orders, Messrs. J. Mercier Green, James R. W. Sellwood, Dr. J. W. Taylor, and Charles E. Leverett, Jr.

They further report that charges have been preferred to them against the Rev. Augustus L. Converse, of conduct rendering him liable to Ecclesiastical discipline, and that a Committee has been appointed consisting of Henry D. Lesesne, C G. Memminger and Edward McCrady, Esqs., to report to the Standing Committee the particulars of proof for each charge made against him, and a proper form of presentment of such charges as may be sustained by testimony.

They also report the following resolution as unanimously adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the next Convention of the Diocese, be and it is hereby requested to provide by Canon or otherwise, that every person applying to be received as a candidate for Orders in this Diocese, signify his desire to that effect in writing to the President of the Standing Committee, in order to its carrying out the provisions of Canon VII. of 1853, and that every such person also specify his age and previous occupation."

CH. HANCKEL, *President.*

The Rev. Mr. Trapier proposed a new Canon in relation to persons applying to become candidates for Holy Orders, which, on motion, was referred to a special Committee consisting of the Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Jr., the Rev. Jas. H. Elliott, and the Rev. Dr. Hanckel.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Van Kleeck, be invited to address the Convention to-morrow, immediately after Divine Service, on Domestic Missions.

After prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

Thursday, Feb. 15th, 1855, 10 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr. The Convention was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Van Kleeck, Secretary of the Committee on Domestic Missions.

After a recess, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, the Roll called, and a quorum found present.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The names of members absent yesterday were called. The following gentlemen answered to their names:

Church of the Holy Communion, A. V. Dawson.
St. Paul's, Pendleton, W. Alston Hayne.
Pineville and Upper St. John's, W. M. Porcher.
St. Helena, Beaufort, Dr. A. S. Gibbes.
St. John's Church, John's Island, R. J. LaRoche.
Edisto Island, Dr. W. M. Bailey.
Trinity, Edgefield, F. W. Pickens.
Prince George, Winyaw, Benj. H. Wilson.
St. James's, James Island, John Rivers, J. B. F. Minott.
Christ Church, Wilton, J. W. Faber, John LaRoche.
Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, J. L. Petigru.

On motion of the Rev. P. Trapier, the Rev. A. Wigfall was admitted to *all* the privileges of members of this Convention, except the right to vote in matters relating to the temporal affairs of the Churches.

The Committee on Lay Delegates reported additional Delegates, viz: *Trinity Church, Columbia*, Frank Hampton, R. W. Gibbes, Jr. and Thomas Taylor. Messrs. Hampton and Gibbes appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop's Address was then read.

Brethren of the Convention:

PERMIT me to present to you an account of my official acts since the session of our last Convention.

On Sunday, Feb. 12th, 1854, I preached in St. Michael's Church, in the forenoon, and confirmed three white persons. In the afternoon, preached in the building occupied by the congregation of the Church of the Holy Communion. At night, preached in Calvary Church.

On Monday, 13th, confirmed one sick person in private, who has since gone to his rest.

Tuesday, 14th, confirmed in St. Stephen's Chapel ten white persons.

Wednesday, 15th. In the parish of Upper St. John's, Berkley, preached, at night, at the plantation of Mr. Thos. W. Porcher, and confirmed seven colored persons. Thursday, 16th, at the plantation of Mrs. Marion, at night, confirmed seven colored persons. Friday, 17th, preached in the forenoon, at the Rock's Church. In the afternoon, at the plantation of Mr. DuBose, and confirmed twenty-six colored persons.

Sunday, 19th. In the forenoon, preached at Pineville, and confirmed eleven white persons and two colored. Afternoon, at the plantation of Mr. Mazyck Porcher, preached and confirmed twenty-nine colored persons. At night, Rev. Mr. Gadsden preached to the colored people. All things, here, indicate the long, faithful and successful labors of their pastor. Saturday, 25th. In St. Mark's parish, Clarendon, preached and confirmed two white persons. Also, laid the corner stone of the new Church of St. Mark's, which has since been completed.

Sunday, 26th. At St. Mark's Chapel, in the same parish, the Rev. J. S. Hanckel, preached. I confirmed five colored persons, and consecrated the said Chapel to the service of Almighty God. There were present and assisting, the Rev. Messrs. Reed, Hanckel and Wigfall.

March 12th. At the Church on Edisto Island, preached and confirmed twenty-seven colored persons.

Saturday, March 18th. At the plantation of Mrs. Manigault, in the parish of Christ Church, Wilton, preached to a large number of colored persons.

Sunday, 19th. Preached in Christ Church, and confirmed nine white persons and three colored. After the usual morning service, preached to the colored congregation. At night, preached to a large number of colored persons at the plantation of Mr. Faber.

Tuesday, March 21st. Preached to a very large congregation of colored persons at the plantation of Mr. Clifford.

Sunday, March 26th. In the forenoon, preached at Sheldon Church, Prince William's Parish. In the afternoon, at the Chapel of the Rev. Stephen Elliott, preached and confirmed fifty-three colored persons. The congregation was very large, and every thing indicated a constant and earnest attention, on the part of their faithful pastor to the spiritual interests of these people.

Sunday, April 2d. Preached in St. Bartholomew's Parish, at Ashepoo, and consecrated the building by the name of Edmondsbury Chapel. Lectured on Confirmation, and confirmed seven-

teen colored persons. At night, preached to the negroes at the plantation of Rev. Mr. Prentiss.

Wednesday, April 5th. In Grace Church, in this city, ordained to the Holy Order of Deacon, Mr. Thomas J. Girardeau, Rev. Mr. Pinckney preaching the sermon.

Saturday, April 8th. At Prince Frederick's, Peedee, on the plantation of Mr. Weston, preached to the colored people.

Sunday, 9th. Preached at the Parish Church and confirmed six colored persons. The inclemency of the weather prevented a large attendance.

Monday, April 10th. In the Parish of All Saints, Waccamaw, in the afternoon, attended Divine Service on the plantation belonging to the estate of Gen. Jos. Allston. Rev. Mr. Glennie catechised the colored children, and examined and preached to the adults.

Tuesday, 11th. At the plantation of Mr. Plowden Weston, Mr. Glennie catechised the colored children, and I preached to the adults.

Wednesday, April 12th. Preached in the forenoon at the lower Church, to the white congregation. At night, to a large congregation of colored persons at the plantation of Mr. Tucker, a number of white persons being also present. Here we had the pleasure of being joined by the Rev. Mr. Hening, of the African Mission.

Thursday, April 13th At night, attended service at the plantation of Mr. Pinckney Alston. Mr. Hening preached to a large congregation of colored persons, to whom, also, I addressed a few words.

Friday, April 14th. At the upper Church I preached and confirmed four white persons and twenty colored, and at night Mr. Hening preached to a large congregation of negroes, at the plantation of Mr. Francis Weston.

Saturday, April 15th. Attended Mr. Glennie's examination of one of his classes of colored children. They were about fifty in number, and their knowledge of the truths of the gospel, and of the various services of the Church, showed plainly what close and careful attention they had received from their pastor, and from their proprietors. I cannot take leave of this parish without bearing witness to the faithful labors, both of the pastor and owners, in imparting religious instruction to these slaves. And, I desire to submit it very seriously to all candid minds, whose labors tell best upon the interests, both temporal and eternal of these slaves—those of the persons who are thus near them, in connexion with them every day, and really and faithfully laboring for them; or those of foreigners, who give to the slave the cheap and easy tribute of empty declamation. The Southern mind can well bear to leave the decision of this issue to the great day of appeal. These remarks are, of course intended to apply not only to the parish of All Saints, but to the whole Southern country, where like efforts are made.

Sunday, April 16th. At Georgetown, preached in the forenoon in St. George's Church, and confirmed seven white persons and seventeen

colored. In the afternoon I preached again, and at night Mr. Hening preached on the African Mission.

Sunday, April 23d. At Society Hill, preached in the forenoon, and in the afternoon preached and confirmed four white persons.

Tuesday, April 25th. Preached at night at Darlington Court House.

Thursday, April 27th, Preached at Mar's Bluff, in Darlington District. This little congregation, after having been for a long time, without regular services, have now thy Rev. Mr. Moore settled among them.

Sunday, April 30th. At Cheraw, preached in the forenoon, and confirmed fifteen white persons and two colored. In the afternoon the Rev. Mr. Hewitt, of North-Carolina, preached, and I preached again at night. The services were well attended, and the congregation appears to be in an advancing condition. The Rector has devoted himself with faithfulness and success to the very poor members of his parish.

Sunday, May 14th. Preached at Grace Church, and confirmed eleven white persons and four colored. In the afternoon preached in St. Paul's.

Monday, May 15th. At night, attended a meeting of the Church Home. This institution is now fairly reduced to order, and is peacefully and successfully fulfilling its mission. I commend it earnestly to the liberality of the Diocese.

Tuesday, May 16th. In St. Michael's Church, ordained Mr. A. Toomer Porter, to the Holy Order of Deacons. The Rev. Dr. Hanckel preached the Sermon.

Sunday, June 4th. At Bluffton, in the forenoon, preached and confirmed three white persons. Afternoon, preached in the Chapel two miles distant, and confirmed eighteen colored persons. At night, preached again in Bluffton, and on Thursday the 8th, again in Bluffton.

Friday, June 9th. At night, preached in Grahamville. Also on Saturday night. On Sunday, 11th, preached in the forenoon, and confirmed two white persons and five colored. At night preached again.

Wednesday, June 14th. On St. Helena Island, preached in the afternoon, in the Village Chapel.

Thursday, June 15th. Preached in the Parish Church, and confirmed nine white persons.

Friday, June 16th. At night, preached in Beaufort.

Saturday, 17th. Examined the children, who afforded proofs of careful Christian training.

Sunday, June 18th. Preached and confirmed twelve whites and six colored. Preached again at night.

Wednesday, June 21st. In this city confirmed a sick person, who has since gone to her rest.

Friday, June 23d. Preached in Walterboro' at night. On Saturday night also. Sunday, 25th, preached in the forenoon and confirmed ten white persons and fourteen colored. Also, confirmed two white persons, in private. At night, preached again. Here I was accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. Graham and Girardeau, who also preached and assisted in the services of the Church.

Sunday, July 16th. In Trinity Church Columbia, preached both in the forenoon and afternoon.

is that of England, or the Eagle of America. Hence, the Prophet Isaiah (xviii.) in some of those burning strains, which, in the original, so surpass in the fervor of their poetry, all that Pindar ever sung, that not even an inadequate translation can altogether extinguish their fire, thus apostrophizes Egypt. I select not the authorized version, but the more truthful interpretation of Rosellini:—

"Ho, Land of the Winged Globe, which art beyond the rivers of Cush; that sendest into the sea as messengers the canals of thy waters, and that navigatest with boats of papyrus on the face of the waves."

The Sphynx, as we shall hereafter have occasion to see was peculiarly an Egyptian symbol, though now incorporated into the Masonic system, and as an emblem of Mystery, was placed upon the entrance of all their temples. Its repetition at the door will give me an opportunity of a fuller elucidation.

Leaving now the ceiling, I request you to cast your eyes upon the coving or summit of the walls, where you will find eight purely Masonic symbols, arranged as follows: One over the Chair of the Master in the East, a second in the opposite point, over the position of the Senior Warden in the West; three at equal distances on the South wall, and three on the North. For these may be claimed not only excellent reasons for their particular selection out of the mass of symbols from which they were chosen, but also, and more particularly, for their appropriation and distribution. Any one of these eight symbols transplanted from the place which it now occupies, and exchanged to any other, would have lost, by the removal, much of the character of symbolic instruction which it was intended to convey. The place of the symbol, as well as the symbol itself, is pregnant with distinctive emblematic signification.

In the East, over the Pedestal of the Worshipful Master, we find that all important—that truly and peculiar Masonic symbol, the letter G, consecrated to our memories, in the language of the immortal Burns, as

"That Hieroglyphic bright
Which none but Craftsmen ever saw:"

it beams in its bright effulgence from the East, the place of light, first to attract the attention of the Neophyte, who is soon to learn from him who sits beneath it, its esoteric meaning.

With equal appropriateness, we find immediately opposite in the West, that other strictly Masonic symbol, the point within a circle, embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, and the Book of Holy Scriptures resting on the summit. Placed here,

this symbol is ever directly in view of the Presiding Officer, to remind him of the distinguished virtues of the Sts. John, to whom, as patrons of the Order, our Lodges are dedicated, and also to admonish him of the moral duties he is to inculcate, which are symbolized by the point within a circle, and the book of Scripture which that circle supports. Our ritual requires that this expressive symbol should be found in every well regulated Lodge, and here accordingly it occupies the most prominent place which could be appropriated to it, next to that assumed by the paramount claims of the mystic letter, which has already been described.

Commencing now with the symbols on the coving of the Southern wall, we are first attracted by the Urn of Incense displayed above the Secretary's desk. The Urn of Incense is an emblem intended, masonically, to remind us that the thoughts of a pure heart are the best incense that we can offer to Deity. In its approximation to the appropriate position of our Recording Officer, its teachings are intended to be, that the records of all that is said and done in this sacred asylum, should bear evidence that pure hearts and fraternal affections have sought to offer from our transactions that incense of devotion to the Supreme Architect, which good deeds and kindly words can alone enkindle.

In the South, over the Pedestal of the Junior Warden, is appropriately placed the Winged Hour Glass, the symbol of the progress of Time, and from irs position, indicating one of the most important duties of that officer, in the vicinity of whose seat it is placed, which is correctly to observe the time, and judicially to control its occupation.

The Book of Constitutions, guarded by the Tiler's Sword, is a Masonic symbol of circumspection, and as such, has been placed near the spot occupied by the Tiler, to which officer the practice of that virtue is always so particularly recommended.

Passing over to the coving of the North wall, we find at its Western extremity the Lambskin, the peculiar badge of a Mason, which has been placed in the neighborhood of the Pedestal of the Senior Warden, because to that officer is entrusted the duty of first instructing the candidate in the mode of wearing it.

In the centre of the North wall, and opposite to the Junior Warden's Pedestal, is inscribed the Anchor and Ark. These are the well known symbols of a firm reliance on Divine Providence, to be derived only from a well learned knowledge of the character of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, of his superintending wisdom, power and goodness, truths which are deeply engrafted in, and so widely diffused through the whole system of Freemasonry, that their divine rays illuminate by this expressive symbol, even the North, the darkest point of the Lodge.

Lastly, over the desk of the Treasurer is placed the Bee Hive, the symbol of Industry, and thus by its appropriate position, is it intended to show the connexion between that virtue, and the peculiar functions and duties of the financial Officer of our Order.

Your attention is now directed to seven Statues or effigies, the number being in itself symbolic, which are placed around the walls. On the South wall are placed the Statues of Minerva, Venus and Hercules, employed as symbols of Wisdom, Beauty and Strength, so arranged as that the Statue symbolic of Wisdom is in the East, that symbolic of Strength in the West, and that symbolic of Beauty behind the seat of the Junior Warden, in the South, thus occupying the positions assigned by our rituals to these Masonic attributes.

In the West, the attention is attracted by the figure of Harpocrates, or as Wilkinson suggests, that he was called by the Egyptians, Hor-Phocrat. He is fabled among the ancients as the God of Silence. "He was," says Plutarch, "the corrector and rectifier of those weak, incomplete notions which we are apt to form of the divine nature, for which reason we see him described with his finger pointing to his mouth,—a proper emblem of that modest and cautious silence we should observe on such subjects." It is needless to say how appropriate such a figure is, even in its present conspicuous position, in a hall dedicated to the uses of a Society, whose very life-blood is its silence and its secrecy.

On the Northern side of the room three other effigies arrest our attention, which are intended symbolically to describe the purposes for which this hall was erected.

Over the Eastern mantlepiece is placed the Statue of Solomon, as the Representative of Ancient Craft Masonry; over the Western is found that of the High Priest Joshua, as the Representative of Royal Arch Masonry, while between these is situated that of James de Molay, the Martyred Grand Master of the Templers, as the Representative of the Degrees of Chivalry and of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in which he plays so important a part.

As all the various bodies which have thus been alluded to by these statues, are in the habit of meeting in this Hall with equal claims and privileges as members of the same institution, though practising different Rites in its co-ordinate branches, it is trusted by the Committee that no intolerance of opinion would make any brother desire the exclusion of any figure, because it referred or was consecrated to a portion of the Order of which he was not himself a member.

It would, perhaps, have been desirable to have selected Zerubbabel as the Representative of Royal Arch Masonry, instead of his companion Joshua; but the requirements of art and taste de-

manded a variety in the figures which could not have been achieved if two kings of Israel, whose costumes would have been necessarily identical, had been chosen. Besides, there is no manifest impropriety in the choice as a Masonic decoration of the figure of that Jewish High Priest, who was equally engaged with the Prince of the Captivity in the establishment of the Royal Arch Degree.

No explanation is certainly needed of the Square and Compass upon the doors, or of the Square, Level and Plumb upon the Pedestals; the purposes of these symbols are at once apparent to every Mason. But I may call your attention to the figure of the Sphynx, which is placed above the Tiler's door and the door of preparation. The Sphynx, it has already been said, was an Egyptian symbol of mystery, and as such was placed over the doors of the Egyptian temples as an indication of the mystic nature of the Rites therein celebrated. What more appropriate symbol could then be placed upon the doors of a Masonic Lodge? Each in its grotesque attitude seems to speak from its elevated pannel in the language of the ancient hierophant *procul, O, procul este profani.* Away ye profane and uninitiated, nor dare to mingle with unlawful curiosity in the mystic forms of our solemn Ritual.

I cannot conclude this brief description without calling your attention to the skilful and masterly style in which these decorations have been executed by Messrs. Koch and Schneider, the artists employed for that purpose by the Hall Committee. A Masonic head may have devised the symbols and directed their collocation, but it is to the artistic hands of these masters of their profession that we are indebted for the successful carrying out of the plans and the admirable embodiment of the ideas which were submitted to them.

Having thus executed the trust confided to them, the Hall Committee now present the Hall to their brethren as a fitting asylum, in which once more to resume our mystic rites. The valuable impressions that will be made upon our minds as we nightly assemble around our common altar, will be, they believe, no inadequate compensation for the time, the trouble, and the expense that has been incurred in their execution.

On motion of Bro. Moroso, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned to Bro. Mackey for his discourse, and he was requested to publish it.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were also returned to the Hall Committee for the manner in which they had discharged the duty of decorating the Hall.

Bro. JNO. B. FRASER, a P.·. M.·. of Lodge No. 1, was, on his application, duly elected a member of the Grand Lodge.

A letter was read from Bro. JAMES BARR, which was referred to the Committee on his case for their information.

The following Report of the Committee on the subject of providing refreshments at the Quarterly Communications, was read and laid on the table until the next Quarterly Communication.

Report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons, on resolution adopted at the Quarterly Communication of 5th September, 5854.

The Committee of Three, appointed to inquire as to the expediency of having refreshments at each Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, beg to Report, That this was the practice formerly at the regular communications of the Grand Lodge, but was discontinued in consequence of the losses and misfortunes which the Body had sustained.

They are unanimously of opinion that it should be resumed, and would recommend that an appropriation of $30 be made from the funds of the Grand Lodge, and be placed at the disposal of the Junior Grand Warden and Stewards for this purpose, at each and every Quarterly or Regular Communication hereafter to be held.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. BUIST, *Chairman.*
GEO. H. WALTER.

The following Report on the By-laws of various Lodges was read and adopted:

The Grand Officers respectfully Report, that they have examined the By-laws of Lodge No. 5, and recommend that they be approved and confirmed.

They have also examined the By-laws of Lodge, No. 28, and recommend the following alterations:

Rule II. Should prescribe that the petition of an application for initiation must be recommended by two members, and referred to a Committee of Three for examination.

Rule III. They recommend that Sections 3, 4 and 5 be stricken out. These Sections give the property and funds of the Lodge to the members, their wives and children, on the extinction of the Lodge. In such case, the said funds and property would revert to the Grand Lodge.

Rule VII. To be altered so as to prescribe that a defaulter in

arrears is to be suspended from membership. As the Article now reads, it may be interpreted to mean that said defaulter may be suspended from the rights and privileges of Masonry, which is contrary to the regulations of this Grand Lodge.

Rule IX. Prescribing fines for misconduct, to be erased.

Rule XI. So much of it as prescribes fines on Officers refusing to serve, to be erased.

Rule XII. To the words "except in cases of emergency," should be added these, "and by dispensation."

Rule XXI. To be erased as unnecessary, "The regulations of the Grand Lodge prescribe that no candidate can receive more than one degree at the same Communication, except by dispensation of the Grand Master."

They have also examined the By-laws of Lodge, No. 69, and recommend the following alterations:

Rule IV. They recommend that the words, "unless through courtesy he tender the Chair to a worthy Past Master or W.·. M.·. of another Lodge," be stricken out. The W.·. M.·. whenever present, cannot relinquish the government of his Lodge, although he may ask another brother, of competent abilities, to confer a degree, or give a Lecture.

Rule VIII. The Tiler is entitled, in addition to the salary given by the Lodge, to the fees allowed by the Grand Lodge, and this should be so expressed in this Rule.

Rule IX. The Rule should be so altered as to permit the S.·. Warden to receive reports from the Tiler, when the W.·. M.·. is engaged only with the W.·. Master's consent.

Rule X. Should prescribe that the Reports of Committees on Character must be made at the next regular Communication.

The same Rule should be altered so as not to permit any Candidate to receive the degree until one month after his petition *except by dispensation.*

Rule XIII. The words, "except in case of emergency," to be stricken out.

A Rule should also be added, prescribing the appointment by the Junior Warden of two Stewards.

With these alterations, they recommend that the By-laws of Lodges, Nos. 28 and 69, be approved and confirmed.

ALFRED PRICE, G.·. M.·.
E. THAYER, S.·. G.·. W.·.
A.·. G.·. MACKEY, G.·. S.·.

The sum of $50 was voted to the widow of our late P.·. G.·. M.·. Bro. J. C. N.

The sum of $12 was voted as relief to Mrs. M. B., the widow of a Master Mason, and the further sum of $17 11 cents, contributed by the voluntary donations of the members and brethren present.

The subject of the Centennial Anniversary was then taken up, and it was resolved that a public installation of the Grand Officers be dipensed with, and that the Grand Lodge shall meet at 9 o'clock on the morning of the St. John's Day, and forthwith proceed to a private installation: after which, the procession shall be formed.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in **Ample Form.**

Quarterly Communication.

TUESDAY, Dec. 5th, A.·. L.·. 5854.

A Quarterly Communication of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South-Carolina, was holden at Masonic Hall, Charleston, on Tuesday evening, 5th Dec, A.·. L.·. 5854. Present—

M.·. W.·.	Bro. ALFRED PRICE,	Grand Master,
V.·. W.·.	" E. THAYER,	Sen. G. Warden,
V.·. W.·.	" J. A. GYLES,	Jun. G. Warden,
M.·. W.·.	" E. B. HORT,	Grand Chaplain,
W.·.	" WM. E. HONOUR,	Asst. Grand Treasurer,
W.·.	" A. G. MACKEY,	Grand Secretary,
	" J. C. BECKMANN,	Sen. G. Deacon,
	" G. Z. WALDRON,	Jun. G. Deacon,
	" G. H. WALTER,	Grand Marshal,
	" A. ARMSTRONG,	Grand Pursuivant,
	" S. SEYLE.	Grand Tiler.

M.·. W.·. Bros. A. E. MILLER and W. L. CLEVELAND, Past G.·. Masters; the Representative of the Grand Lodge of New-York, and the Representatives and Proxies of Lodges, Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 14, 21, 22, 65, 66, 69, 72, 73, 76, 80, 81, 84 and 85.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry, in **Ample Form.**

The Minutes of the Communications of the 7th and 30th March, were read and confirmed.

The Committee on the Books of the Grand Treasurer made the following Report, which was received and accepted:

The Committee appointed to examine the Books of the Grand Treasurer for the past year, Report, That they have performed that duty, and found them correct, leaving a balance on his hands of $104 22-100, as shown by the annexed synopsis of his books.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. B. OAKS, *Chairman.*
J. A. GYLES,
GEO. H. WALTER.

Charleston, 5th Dec., 5854

tee re-affirm his view of the consequent matter of right, and recommend accordingly the following resolutions, viz :

Resolved, That the Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention, be and they hereby are requested to urge upon it, at its next Session, the assigning of Mr. Kohne's legacy to the credit of the two Dioceses of South-Carolina and Pennsylvania in equal shares, and to each Diocese the consequent number of additional Trustees.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Convention, a nomination of as many additional Trustees as this Diocese will be entitled to under Mr. Kohne' slegacy, should be made by the next Convention, and the General Convention.

CH. HANCKEL, *Chairman*.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted :

The Tellers on the election of a Standing Committee, reported the following gentlemen as elected in both orders, viz :

The Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D.	Dr. I. M. Campbell,
" Paul Trapier,	James H. Ladson,
" P. T. Keith,	H. D. Lesesne,
" W. W. Spear,	Edward McCrady,
" J. B. Campbell,	C. G. Memminger.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and found the same to be correct and properly vouched—showing a balance of $34.78 at credit of the same.

They have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the "Bishop's Convention Fund, for the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund," and found the same to be correct and properly vouched, and the securities produced. The Treasurer having, during the past year, invested eight hundred and fifty dollars in six per cent Stock of the City of Charleston, for one thousand dollars purchased at 15 per cent discount, and five hundred dollars in Charlotte & South Carolina Rail Road Bonds, and which they approve of as an investment—the balance at credit of same is now $23.04.

The Committee beg leave further to report that the quotas of the several Churches, towards the Bishop's Common Fund, have all been paid up for the past year, with the following exceptions :

St. Bartholomew's,	$25
Church of the Holy Cross, Claremont,	20
Christ Church, Wilton,	15
" " Greenville,	10
Church of the Advent, Spartanburg,	5
Calvary Church, Glenn Springs,	5
St. Thaddæus, Aiken,	5
Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg,	5
	$90

St. John's, Winnsboro',	$10
St. Matthew's,	10
St. James's, Goose Creek,	10
Prince William's,	10
Christ Church,	5
Zion Church, Richland,	5
Trinity Church, Abbeville,	5
	$ 55
	90
Making a total of	$145

which your Committee have no doubt proceeds from inadvertence, and may have been paid up since the Treasurer's report was made.

J. F. BLACKLOCK, JNO. W. DeSAUSSURE, } *Committee on Finance.*

February 15th, 1855.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Bishop's Salary, beg leave further to report that, at the present time, the income from the two quotas, is as follows:

From the Bishop's Permanent Fund, nett,	$1800 00
" " " Convention " "	900 00
	$2700 00
To which will shortly have to be added the income from the legacy so generously bestowed by the late Mrs. Kohne, ($9000, with interest for about two years, and which may be assumed as $10,000,) giving nett,	600 00
	$3300 00
And to which must be added the quota from the several Churches, annually, about	1400 00
Making,	$4700 00
If this amount could be invested for four years, it would give a capital of $18,800, at 6 per cent interest,	$1128 00
Add the income from the two funds,	3300 00
Would give a permanent income of	$4428 00

and relieve all the Churches from any future assessment towards this object.

This can very easily be accomplished, as by the subscription lists now out, about $1700 has been secured from the following congregations:

St. Michael's, Charleston,	$ 255	Church of the Messiah, North Santee,	$ 50
St. Philip's, "	95	Grace Church, Camden,	50
St. Paul's, "	45	St. Mark's, Clarendon,	50
Prince Frederick's, Peedee,	95	Pineville, Upper St. Johns,	80
All-Saints', Waccamaw,	215	Trinity Church, Society Hill,	110
St. John's, Berkley,	355	St. James's, Santee,	55
Prince George, Winyaw,	231		$ 395
	$1,291		1,291
			$1,686

And if 100 subscribers more can be obtained at an average of $25 each, it would give.....$2500
which, with the subscriptions already obtained, from..... 1700

will make the requisite amount of $4200

Your Committee, therefore, strongly indulge the hope that an object so easily accomplished, and which has been so anxiously desired by the Convention of the P. E. Church for the last 30 or 40 years, will now be carried out, and confidently appeal to the piety and liberality of those of our Communion, who naturally feel anxious to see the head of the Church put upon a proper footing.

Your Committee would further recommend that the Bishop's Salary, for the present year, be fixed at $3500, to be paid quarterly.

J. F. BLACKLOCK,
JNO. W. DeSAUSSURE, } *Committee on Bishop's Salary.*

February 15th, 1855.

The report was accepted.

The Treasurer of the Bishop's Funds, reported as follows:

DR. *Bishop's Permanent Fund, in account with* JOHN HANCKEL, *Treasurer.* CR.

1854	To Investments,	$3,600 93	1854	By Balance from last year,	$ 463 19
	" Incidental Expenses,	125 45		" Interest & Dividends,	2,509 29
	" Balance in Treasurer's hands,	1,121 10		" Bond Account,	1,800 00
				" Collections,	75 00
		$4,847 48			$4,847 48

JOHN HANCKEL, *Treasurer.*

DR. *Bishop's Common Fund, in account with* JOHN HANCKEL, *Treasurer.* CR.

1854	To paid the Bishop of the Diocese, four quarters' salary, - - - -	$3,500 80	1854	By Balance from last year,	$1,867 09
	" Incid'tal. expenses, - - - -	82 85		" Cash rec'd. for quotas from the following Churches:	
				Holy Trinity, Grahamville,	$ 15
				St. David's, Cheraw, -	10
				St. Helena, St. Hel. Isl'd.	10
				St. John's, Berkley, for '54,	50
				" " " '36,	50
				Edisto Island, - - - -	50
				St. Michael's, Charleston,	300
				St. James's, Santee, - -	20
				St. Luke's Parish, - - -	15
				Ch. Messiah, N. Santee, -	10
				St. Helena, Beaufort, - -	35
				St. John's, Colleton, - -	50
				St. Andrew's Parish, - -	10
				Grace Church, Camden, -	30
				Pineville and Upper St. John's, - - - - - -	20
				St. Paul's, Stono, - - -	5
				Trinity Church, Edgefield,	5
				St. Paul's, Pendleton, - -	10
				St. Mark's, Clarendon, for 14 years, - - - - -	140
				All-Saints', Waccamaw,	50
				Prince George, Winyaw,	50
				St. James's, James Island,	5
				Trinity Ch., Society Hill,	10
				St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro',	150
				Prince Frederick's, - -	10
				Grace Ch. Sullivan's Isl'd.	5
				St. Thomas & St. Dennis's,	20
				St. Peter's, Charleston, -	150
				St. Philip's, " - - -	250
				Trinity Church, Columbia,	50
				Total from Churches, - -	1,585 00
				By Cash received for Subscriptions to Bishop's Salary:	
				Pineville and Upper St. John's, - - - - - -	50
				Trinity, Columbia, - -	7
				All-Saints', Waccamaw, -	15
					72 00
				Balance at debit, - - -	58 76
		$3,582 85			$3,582 85

JOHN HANCKEL, *Treasurer.*

DR. *Bishop's Convention Fund for the Increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, in account with* JOHN HANCKEL, *Treasurer.* CR.

1854-5	To Investments, -	$1,370 00	1854-5	By Balance from last account, - - -	$ 381 70
	" Incidental expenses, - - - -	53 23		" Subscription in '53, for increase of fund	125 00
	" Balance in hands for next account,	23 04		" Interests and Dividends collected, -	939 57
		$1,446 27			$1,446 27

JOHN HANCKEL, *Treasurer.*

The Tellers on the election of Deputies to the General Convention, reported the following gentlemen as elected in both orders, viz :

The Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D.	R. F. W. Alston,
" Paul Trapier,	Dr. Benj. Huger,
" P. J. Shand,	R. W. Barnwell,
" E. Reed,	C. G. Memminger.

The proposed alteration of the twelfth Article of the Constitution, was postponed to the next Convention.

On motion of Mr. Lesesne,

Resolved, That the subscription lists for increasing the Bishop's Funds, be referred to the members of the Finance Committee, with authority to receive payment of subscriptions, and turn over the same to the Treasurer of said funds.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Campbell,

Resolved, That the Rectors and Vestries of the several Churches in this Diocese, will use every effort, in the ensuing year, to obtain the number of subscribers requisite to complete the amount necessary for the support of the Episcopate, and that these funds also be turned over to the hands of the Treasurer.

The proposed amendment of the Constitution, in relation to the Bishop's vote, was then taken up.

The resolutions, as reported last year to the Convention, were as follows :

1st. That in the Constitution, Art. III, Sec. 2, the words, " on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof," be stricken out; and that in their stead the following be inserted as Sec. 3 of the same Article, viz :

" The Bishop shall have a right to vote in every case of an equal " division of the Clergy, and also when, in case of a majority of one, " in the vote of the said order, his vote would hinder action."

" In the absence of the Bishop, the Assistant Bishop (if there be " one,) shall have a right to vote in the same mode in which the Bish- " op would have voted had he been present. But in case both are pre- " sent, the vote of the Assistant Bishop shall be called for immediate- " ly after the votes of the other Clergy."

2ndly. That Sections 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th be numbered respectively 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

The Rev. J. H. Cornish moved that the amendment be laid upon the table, but the motion was lost.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Pringle, this amendment to the Constitution was amended by striking out, in the fourth line, the word *every*, and inserting after the word *vote*, the word *only*.

On motion of the Rev. C. P. Gadsden, the word *also* in the fifth line was stricken out.

On motion of the Rev. Paul Trapier, the second and third lines of

the third paragraph were amended so as to read, *shall have the same right* to vote, which the Bishop would have had if he had been present.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution, as now amended.

The vote was called for by orders and resulted, of the Clergy: ayes, sixteen (16); nays, fourteen (14). Of the Laity: ayes, ten (10); nays, fourteen (14). So the amendment was lost for want of a concurrence in the two orders.

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following Delegates elected from Christ Church, Charleston, viz: F. A. Ford, Edwin Heriot, John Phillips, and Col. E. B. White. Messrs. Ford and White took their seats.

The Committee on the Charter of St. Thaddæus, Aiken, reported as follows:

The Committee appointed at the last Convention, to examine the Charter of St. Thaddæus's Church, Aiken, and to report to this Convention whether the same is in conformity to the Constitution of the Episcopal Church of this State, and of the United States, respectfully report that they find no want of such conformity now in the Charter of the said Church, and therefore ask to be discharged.

Respectfully,

PAUL TRAPIER, *Chairman.*

The report was accepted.

The Committee on the Canon for the trial of a Minister, reported as follows:

The Committee to which was referred the Canon, proposed as a substitute for Canon 3, entitled "Trial of a Clergyman," respectfully report that they have duly considered the proposed substitute, entitled "Canon 3, Trial of a Minister," and recommend the following amendments thereto, which will also be indicated by the Committee as each section is read:

1st Section.—Insert "of" in the fifth line, between the words "copies" and "or." Strike out "establish" in sixth line, and insert in lieu thereof "constitute."

2d Section.—Strike out the last sentence.

3d Section.—Strike out the words "with such privacy" on second line, and insert in lieu thereof "in private." Strike out the words "proceed to trial. The Council shall" in seventh line, and insert in lieu thereof "organize and." Strike out "record" in twelfth line, and insert in lieu thereof "journal." Insert in fifteenth line, between the words "questions" and "the," these words "the common law shall furnish the rule and."

4th Section.—Strike out the words "shall immediately" in first line, and insert "may." Strike out "all" in the fourth line, and insert in lieu thereof "any."

6th Section.—Between the words "he" and "fail" in the second line, the word "then."

7th Section.—Strike out the words in parenthesis in the third line, and after the word "deposition" in the fifth line, insert these words "and of the principal points upon which the witness is to be examined." Strike out the word "examination" in the last sentence, and insert in lieu thereof "deposition;" then strike out the words "in writing and," "the," "deposition" and "and transmitted."

8th Section.—Strike out of the fifth and sixth (5th and 6th) lines "the record of." Strike out "convened" in the line next to the last, and in lieu thereof insert the words "constituted as hereinbefore provided, excluding the members of the former Council."

9th Section.—Strike out of first line "at any time."

11th Section.—Strike out the whole, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 11.—Nothing herein contained shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop or of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, to institute an inquiry according to the provirions of Canon 37 of 1832, of the General Convention; and whenever upon such inquiry the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Clerical members of the Standing Committee shall be of opinion that there is just ground for the public rumor mentioned in the said Canon, he or they shall inform the Standing Committee of the facts and of the evidence to establish the same; and thereupon such further proceedings shall be had as are herein directed after a charge shall have been made to the Standing Committee.

Add another Section repealing the present Canon.

SECTION 12.—Canon 3, entitled "Trial of a Clergyman," is hereby repealed, and this Canon substituted therefor.

And so amended that the proposed Canon be adopted by this Convention. EDWARD McCRADY, *Chairman.*

After Prayers by the President, the Convention adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

Friday, February 16th, 1855.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. C. P. Gadsden.

After a Recess the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The Roll was called and a quorum found present.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Certificates of Lay Delegation from Christ Church, Greenville, were passed in favor of Wm. Choice, Thos. M. Cox, Dr. Theo. Croft, and Dr. Randall Croft.

Also, from St. Thomas and St. Dennis's, in favor of J. L. Nowell, Alfred Huger, Jas. Rose, and Wm. J. Ball.

Mr. Nowell appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Pyatt from St. George's, Winyaw, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. John Phillips from Christ Church, Charleston, appeared and took his seat.

The Canon for the trial of a Minister was taken up for consideratlon.

The proposed amendment to Section first was passed.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hanckel, the words "*one or more*" were inserted after the word "*any.*"

The first Section, as amended, was then agreed to.

The second Section was amended as proposed by the Committee, by striking out the last sentence.

The Rev. Mr. Campbell moved to strike out the words "*President of the,*" and insert after the word "*who,*" the words "*or their President, in case he shall not be able to convene the Committee.*"

The motion was lost.

The second Section, as amended, was passed.

The third Section was amended, by striking out the words "*with such privacy,*" and inserting the words "*in private.*"

Also, by striking out the words "*proceed to trial. The Council shall,*" and inserting the words "*organize and.*"

Also, by striking out the word "*record,*" and inserting the word "*journal.*"

Also, by inserting in the line next the last, after the word "*questions,*" the words "*the Common Law shall furnish the rule, and*".

The Rev. C. P. Gadsden moved to amend this Section, by inserting in the first line after the word "*place,*" the words "*as the Bishop shall appoint ;*" and in the second line, to strike out the words "*Bishop may appoint,*" and insert the words "*Council may determine.*"

The motion was lost.

Section third, as amended, was then agreed to.

The first line of the fourth Section was amended so as to read, "*The Council, after it shall be organized, may appoint.*"

On motion of Mr. George S. Bryan, the words in the second line, "*Communicants of this Church,*" were stricken out.

The Section was farther amended, by striking out the words "*all questions,*" and inserting the words "*any question.*"

The Secretary moved to strike out the whole of this Section, and substitute the following: "*The Convention shall elect by ballot, three Communicants of this Church, of the Profession of the Law, to be Assessors in all trials of Clergymen, one or more of whom may be present at all its proceedings. They shall hold their office for — years, and until others shall be appointed.*"

The amendment was lost.

Section fourth, as amended, was then passed.

Mr. Whaley moved to strike out in the last sentence, of the fifth Section, all after the word "*Counsel.*"

The motion was lost.

Section fifth was passed.

Section sixth was amended, by inserting before the word "*fail,*" the word "*then.*"

The Section, as amended, was then passed.

Section seventh was amended, by striking out the words in parenthesis.

Also, in the middle, by inserting after the word "*deposition,*" the words "*and of the principal points in which the witness is to be examined.*"

Also, in the last sentence, by striking out the word "*examination,*" and inserting the word "*deposition.*" By striking out the words "*in writing and,*" the words "*the deposition,*" and the words "*and transmitted.*"

Section seventh, as amended, was then passed.

Section eighth was amended in the middle, by striking out the words "*the record of.*"

Also, near the end, by striking out the word "*convened,*" and inserting the words "*constituted as hereinbefore provided, (excluding the members of the former Council.*")

On motion of the Secretary, after the word "*proper,*" were inserted the words "*not exceeding that suggested by the Council.*"

Section eighth, thus amended, was passed.

Section ninth was amended, by striking out the words "*at any time.*"

The Section, as amended, was passed.

Section tenth was passed.

Section eleventh was amended so as to read as follows, and passed:

SECTION 11.—Nothing herein contained shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop, or of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, to institute an inquiry according to the provisions of Canon 37, of 1832, of the General Convention; and whenever upon such inquiry the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Clerical members of the Standing Committee shall be of opinion that there is just

ground for the public rumors mentioned in the said Canon; he or they shall inform the Standing Committee of the facts and of the evidence to establish the same, and thereupon such further proceedings shall be had, as are herein directed, after a charge shall have been made to the Standing Committee.

Section twelfth, as proposed by the Committee, was passed.

On motion of Mr. Memminger, *Section eighth* was amended by inserting below the middle, after the word "*whereupon*," the words "*if the accused be found guilty.*"

Also, in the last sentence, by inserting after the words "*But if*," the words "*in such case.*"

The vote on the whole Canon was called for by orders, and resulted: of the Clergy—ayes, twenty-six (26); noes, two (2). Of the Laity—ayes, nineteen (19); noes, none (0). So both orders concurred in passing the Canon.

The Committee on a proposed Canon in relation to persons wishing to be received as Candidates for Holy Orders, reported the following:

CANON V.

Of Persons wishing to be received as Candidates for Orders.

Every person who desires to become a Candidate for Orders in this Diocese, shall make application in writing to the Standing Committee, stating his age and previous occupation. He will also be expected to furnish the Committee with the testimonials required by the 7th Canon of the General Convention of 1853, and give them evidence that he has informed the Bishop of his intention, according to the requisitions of the same Canon.

The Canon was passed as reported.

On motion of the Rev. P. Trapier,

Resolved, That a Committee of one Clergyman and two Laymen be appointed to prepare and submit to the next Convention, a form whereby congregations wishing to be organized, may be incorporated by the Legislature of this State, under a general Act, on complying with certain specified conditions: in order that when said form shall have been approved by the Convention, application shall be duly made for its legislative enactment.

The Rev. P. Trapier and Messrs. McCrady and Memminger were appointed as the Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Campbell, the thanks of the Convention were given to the Rev. Mr. Wallace for his faithful and laborious services as Secretary of this Convention for the last thirteen years.

The Hon. Daniel E. Huger, one of the Trustees of certain funds left by the late Mrs. Clarkson, (as recorded on the printed Journal of 1850, p. 21,) having deceased, Mr. Wm. Clarkson, jr. was appointed in his stead.

On motion of Mr. Memminger, Mr. George S. Bryan was added to the Committee on Mr. Trapier's resolution, relating to the incorporation of Churches.

Resolved, That three dollars per day be paid to the organist of St. Philip's Church, for his services during Convention.

Resolved, That a like sum be paid to the Sexton of St. Philip's Church.

Resolved, That the usual number of copies of the Journal be printed.

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention meet in St. Philip's Church, Charleston.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expenses of printing the proposed Canon for the trial of a Minister.

After Prayers and the Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

THOS. F. DAVIS, D. D., *President*.

C. WALLACE, *Secretary*.

PAROCHIAL AND OTHER REPORTS,

ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY ACCORDING TO THE NAMES OF THE CLERGY.

Grace Church, Camden.

The Rt. Rev. Thos. F. Davis, D. D., Rector.
The Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—3 white children. Marriages, 5 white. Burials, 6 white. Communicants, last reported, 49 white. Admitted, 3 white. Removed, 4 white. Died, 3 white. Present number, 45 white. Non-communicants, not known. Children under 14, 61 white; 10 colored; total, 71. Families, 38 white; 1 colored; total, 39. Children catechised on 18 days, 24 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 white. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 6 white. Number of scholars, 28 white. Public Worship, Grace Church, Camden, 44 Sundays; 4 other days; whole number of times, 48. Communion Alms, $3.43; Missions, Diocesan, $110.80; Foreign Missions, $59.80; total, $254.03.

Remarks.—This Church has suffered severely during the past year by removals and deaths, yet the actual number of communicants is now greater than it was then. The above table does not show the present number. We think, we can truly say, that this Church is advancing.

Christ Church, Greenville.

The Rev. Thos. S. Arthur, Rector.

Baptisms—2 colored adults; 9 white children; total, 11. Marriages, 3 white. Burials, 8 white. Communicants, 64 white; 8 colored; total, 72. Non-communicants, 80 white; 9 colored; total, 89. Families, 51 white; 7 colored; total, 58. Children under 14 years, 85 white; 7 colored; total, 92. Children catechised on 12 days, 30 white; 10 colored; total, 40. Sunday School teachers, 5 white. Number of Scholars, 33 white. Public Worship, Christ Church, Greenville, 52 Sundays and 16 other days; whole number of times, 125.

Remarks.—The Holy Communion has been administered fourteen times. Alms and Oblations, $133.33; for Missions, $57.25.

The Dehon School is still doing the work of the Church in an humble and quiet way.

The new Church edifice has been completed, and was consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, September 29th. It is built of brick, and affords sittings for six hundred persons. The entire cost of the building, including stained glass and furniture, will exceed $14,000.

Report of the Rev. Wm. H. Barnwell, Presbyter, residing near Beaufort.

During the Winter months of the past year, I have officiated every Lord's day on my own plantation, and during the Summer have rendered to the Rector of St. Helena Church, Beaufort, such occasional assistance as he requested.

I have solemnized one marriage of colored persons, and officiated at three funerals among the same.

Trinity Church, Edgefield.

The Rev. E. E. Bellinger, Rector.
The Rev. C. B. Walker, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—1 white child; 1 colored; total, 2. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, last reported, 16 white; 2 colored; total, 18. Admitted, 1 white. Removed, 3 white. Suspended, 1 colored. Present number, 14 white; 1 colored; total, 15. Non-communicants, 31 white; 1 colored; total, 32. Children under 14, 35 white; 12 colored; total, 47. Families, 20 white. Children catechised on 48 days. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 5 white. Number of scholars, 25 white; 12 colored; total, 37. Subjects of instruction, Church catechism; Watt's 1 and 2 do.; Scripture questions; Union do. Public Worship, Trinity Church, Edgefield, 44 Sundays; 79 other days; whole number of times, 167; number of times preached, 135. Church of the Redeemer, Mrs. Brooks's, 4 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 9; number of times preached, 9. Mrs. Cochrane's house, 14 other days. General summary, 48 Sundays; 94 other days; whole number of times, 190; number of times preached, 158. Communion Alms, $50.50; Diocesan missions, $18.33⅓; domestic missions, $18.33⅓; foreign missions, $23.33⅓; total, $110.50.

Remarks.—In addition to the services above reported, the assistant minister held service and preached at the Potteries eight times, or as many Sundays. On thirty-two occasions on which I held service in Trinity Church, I did not preach. On one of these occasions a brother preached for me; on another I read the Pastoral letter from the house of Bishops; on another I only read prayers. On the remaining twenty-nine, I read from the Book of Homilies. In addition to the services above reported, I preached once in Grace Church, Charleston; read prayers four times and preached six times in St. Bartholomew's Parish; read prayers six times and preached four times in the Parish of Zion Church, Richland; and preached once in Trinity Ch., Columbia, all by the request, or with the permission of the respective Rectors. At Mrs. Brooks's plantation, a few miles from Cambridge, a very neat Church edifice of brick has been built at her own expense. In this building I have had divine service three times. I preach here on every fifth Sunday.

Holy Apostles, Barnwell, and other Stations.

The Rev. Charles T. Bland, Missionary.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 4 white children; 3 colored; total, 8. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 1 white. Communicants. admitted, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Present number, 13 white; 2 colored; total 15. Non-communicants, 9 white. Children under 14, 18 white. Families, 9 white; 1 colored; total, 10. Children catechised on 16 Sundays, 7 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white; 1 colored; total, 2. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 2 white. Number of scholars, 7 white. Subject of instruction, Church catechism. Public Worship, Holy Apostles, Barnwell C. H., 22 Sundays; 2 other days; whole number of times, 24. Vaucluse, 5 Sundays. Graniteville, 10 Sundays; 9 other days; whole number of times, 19. Communion Alms, $25.73.

Remarks.—On several Sundays and other days I have assisted the clergy of other Parishes.

Before closing my report, I would fain say a few words by way of an appeal in behalf of the Missionary Parish of the Holy Apostles, Barnwell, which I have been compelled to abandon for the want of a support—but of what use would it be? Would it be read? Or if read, who will care whether it lives or dies? Whether 15 communicants be denied the bread of life, and 18 children in addition be deprived of the fostering care of the Church? O, when shall these sad times have an end? O, God send help to Zion.

St. Philip's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. John Barnwell Campbell, Rector.

The Rev. Christopher P. Gadsden, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 2 colored adults; 11 white children; 18 colored children; total, 32. Marriages, 3 white; 8 colored; total, 11. Burials, 25 white; 9 colored; total 34. Communicants, last reported, 282 white; 90 colored; total, 372. *Admitted, 18 white; 10 colored; total, 28. Removed, 4 white; 1 colored; total, 5. Died, 20 white; 2 colored; total, 22. Suspended, 1 white; 1 colored; total, 2. Present number, 298 white; 100 colored; total, 398. Congregation, non-communicants, 176 white. Children under 14, 248 white. Families, 175 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, not ascertained. Children catechised every Sunday. Confirmed by the Bishop, 21 white; 12 colored; total, 33. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 12 white; 8 colored; total, 20. Number of scholars, 87 white; 41 colored; total, 128. Public Worship, St. Philip's Church, Charleston, 52 Sundays; 134 other days; whole number of times, 239. Communion Alms, $1082.41; Diocesan missions, $435.56; domestic missions, $685.03; foreign missions, $521.20; other Church purposes, $290.13; total, $3014.33.

* By *admitted* we understand not those who have been added to the communion from other congregations, but such of the congregation as have communed for the first time under our ministry.

Remarks.—The colored members contributed to the Communion Alms, $54.04. In the Alms chest were deposited $24.62. The collection on the Fast Day, for the sick and poor, was $265.51,

To the above add $41.83 contributed by the colored members of St. Philip's, for missions in Africa, making the grand total of all contributed by this Parish in 1854, $3056.16.

On Sundays the children were always catechised in the Sunday School room by one of the ministers, and on thirteen Sundays they were catechised openly in the Church, during the months of January, February, May and June. The catechising in the fall was suspended on account of the great sickness and mortality prevailing among children, and the reluctance of parents to expose them to an infected atmosphere.

The colored children were catechised every Sunday also in the Sunday School room.

In addition to the usual services during four weeks of Lent, the Sanctuary was opened on Tuesday afternoon for divine worship, and a discourse delivered. Divine worship was celebrated also every Friday on all the Saints' Days, and the whole of Passion week, and the communion administered on all the great festivals of Easter, Trinity-Sunday, Whitsunday, the Ascension and Christmas. The Lecture to the colored members of St. Philip's and service has been continued without a single interruption on every Wednesday during the whole year. Their attendance has been gratifying, and we trust blessed to their immortal interests.

The subject of missions has been brought before them about once a month, and their contribution to the African mission is a substantial proof of their interest in the subject.

The past year has been one long to be remembered for its great mortality. The communicants have passed from this communion, we trust, to that of Saints above. By the Divine blessing the Sanctuary has never been closed a single day.

The communion has been administered to the sick and infirm once at least in every month. A collection was made in aid of the Bishop's permanent fund in November, amounting to $75. It is much to be regretted that the Churches in the Diocese do not make an annual collection for this object, which is so important for its welfare.

St. Paul's, Pendleton.

The Rev. A. H. Cornish, Rector.

Baptisms—6 white children ; 2 colored ; total, 8. Marriages, 1 white; 1 colored ; total, 2. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, last reported, 35 white ; 5 colored ; total, 40. Admitted, 3 white. Removed, 5 white ; 1 colored ; total, 6. Withdrew, 1 white. Present number, 32 white ; 5 colored ; total, 37. Congregation, non-communicants, 35 white ; colored, not known. Children under 14, 43 white ; colored, not known. Families, 24 white ; colored, not known. Children catechised on 25 days, 10 to 20 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 white. Sunday Schools,

number of teachers, 4 white. Number of scholars, 20 white; 25 colored; total, 45. Subjects of instruction, Church catechism "Epistles and Gospels." Public Worship, St. Paul's, Pendleton, 46 Sundays; 41 other days; whole number of times, 112. Other places, 5 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 6. Total, 118. Communion Alms, $62.83; domestic missions, $6.50; foreign missions, $6.50; other Church purposes, $90.00; total, $165.83.

Remarks.—Since July last a semi-monthly service has been held at Keowee, seven miles from Pendleton, for the class of servants. The general attendance has been good, and the signs of progress in the knowledge and love of things spiritual, cheering.

I should have acknowledged in my last report the indebtedness of the congregation of St. Paul's, to a generous lady of the same, for the gift of two costly and beautiful arm-chairs for the Chancel of our Church.

Church of St. Thaddæus, Aiken.

The Rev. John H. Cornish, Rector.

Baptisms—15 white children. Marriages, 4 white; 2 colored; total, 6. Burials, 13 white. Communicants, last reported, 29 white; 1 colored; total, 30. Admitted, 5 white; 1 colored; total, 6. Removed, 2 white. Died, 2 white. Present number, 30 white; 2 colored; total, 32. Congregation, non-communicants, 19 white. Children under 14, 67 white; 6 colored; total, 73. Families, 22 white; 1 colored; total, 23. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 1 white. Children catechised publicly before the congregation on 12 days, 20 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 5 white. Number of scholars, 40 white; 3 colored; total, 43. Subjects of instruction, the creed, the Lord's prayer, and the ten commandments, and other things which a christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health. Public Worship, St. Thaddæus's Church, Aiken, 53 Sundays; 55 other days; whole number of times, 159. Communion Alms, $116.56; Advancement Society, $6.00; domestic missions, $26.29; foreign missions, $14.10; aged and infirm clergy, $14.90; other Church purposes, $100.00; total, $277.85.

Trinity Church, Society Hill.

The Rev. M. A. Curtis, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—5 white children. Burials, 1 white; 1 colored; total, 2. Communicants, present number, 18 white; 3 colored; total, 21. Congregation, non-communicants, 7 white. Children under 14, 38 white. Families, 11 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4 white. Public Worship, Trinity Church, Society Hill, 41 Sundays; 21 other days. Communion Alms, $27.01; Diocesan missions, $27; domestic missions, $20; foreign missions, $17.25; total, $91.26.

St. Stephen's and Upper St. John's.

The Rev. William Dehon, Rector.

Baptisms—65 colored adults; 7 white children; 12 colored children; total, 84. Burials, 5 white; 2 colored; total, 7. Communicants, last reported, 59 white; 250 colored; total, 309. Admitted, 11 white; 72 colored; total, 83. Removed, 8 colored. Died, 1 white; 16 colored; total, 17. Suspended, 1 colored. Present number, 69 white; 298 colored; total, 367. Congregation, non-communicants, 75 white. Children under 14, 70 white. Families, 50 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 6 white. Children catechised on — days, 20 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 11 white; 71 colored; total, 82. Sunday Schools, number of Teachers, 5 white. Number of scholars, 20 white. Public Worship, St. Stephen's, 26 Sundays; 20 other days; whole number of times, 53. Trinity, 12 Sundays; 2 other days; whole number of times, 14. Epiphany, 11 Sundays; 2 other days; whole number of times, 13. Pinopolis Chapel, 1 Sunday; whole number of times, 2. Communion Alms, $121; domestic missions, $130; foreign missions, $123; other Church purposes, $75; total, $449.

Remarks.—In addition to the services above mentioned, there have been held on different plantations: on Sundays, 60 services; and on week-days, 15. During three months the Rev. R. P. Johnson was the assistant minister in this Parish. On the 1st April he removed to Winnsboro', having accepted an invitation to become the Rector of of the Church there.

St. Andrew's Parish.

The Rev. J. Grimke Drayton, Rector.

Mr. Shokes, Catechist.

Baptisms—10 colored adults; 3 white children; 1 colored child; total, 14. Marriages, 4 colored. Burials, 3 colored. Communicants, last reported, 16 white; 121 colored; total, 137. Admitted, 2 white; 11 colored; total, 13. Removed, 2 colored. Withdrew, 2 colored. Died, 2 colored. Suspended, 4 colored. Present number, 18 white; 122 colored; total, 140. Congregation, non-communicants, 23 white; colored, uncertain. Children under 14, 41 white; colored, uncertain. Families, 16 white; colored, uncertain. Families belonging also to other Congregations of P. E. Church, all. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 3 to 8 white. Number of scholars, about 60 colored. Public Worship, St. Andrew's Church, 12 Sundays. Magnolia Chapel, 23 Sundays. Magwood's Chapel, 14 Sundays. Barker's Chapel, 3 Sundays. Communion Alms, $23.64; foreign missions, $38.77; total, $52.41.

Remarks.—I was absent from my Parish a part of the Summer, during which time I preached on 33 occasions, and assisted in 12 other services. During a portion of this time I supplied a vacant Church.

I was sick during the entire month of January, and from various

causes up to March there were no congregations at St. Andrew's. The Parish was almost utterly deserted. The services during the present Winter, for similar reasons, did not commence until Dec. 10th.

From inclement weather and other causes, I failed on many occasions to find congregations at Magwood's and Barker's Chapels.

Mr. Shokes labored during the Winter and Spring, wholly at Barker's Chapel. During the remainder of the year he alternates with me at the three.

Sunday School instruction at Magnolia Chapel generally from November to May, every other Sunday.

P. S.—The Missionary contributions are given one year to foreign, and the next to domestic missions.

Prince William's.

The Rev. Stephen Elliott, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—35 colored adults. Marriages, 1 white ; 1 colored ; total, 2. Communicants, last reported, 100 colored. Admitted, 39 colored. Died, 6 colored. Present number, 133 colored. Confirmed by the Bishop, 50 colored. Public worship, Christ Church, 34 Sundays.

Remarks.—To these "poor, the Gospel has been preached" with regularity and with some tokens of the Divine acceptance. A large number has been added to the communion. The average attendance about 150. The entire evening service is performed. Though I have accepted the Rectorship of St. Bartholomew's Parish for the ensuing year, still it will be in my power to hold service at Christ Church once a fortnight. May the Lord continue to bless us.

Christ Church.

The Rev. J. R. Fell, Rector.

Baptisms—7 colored adults ; 6 white children ; 11 colored children, total, 24. Marriages, 1 white ; 1 colored ; total, 2. Burials, 3 white ; 2 colored ; total, 5. Communicants, last reported, 31 white. Admitted, 1 white. Withdrew, 1 white. Died, 1 white, Present number, 35 white ; colored, fluctuating, 11 may be considered as belonging to the Church. Congregation, non-communicants, 18 white. Children under 14, 41 white. Families, 15 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 8 white. Children catechised on 2 Sundays, 9 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white ; 1 colored ; total, 3. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 3 white with the Rector. Number of scholars, 19 white. Subjects of instruction, Bible, Catechisms, Collects and Hymns. Public worship, Parish Church, 23 Sundays , 2 other days ; whole number of times, 25. Chapel, 51 Sundays ; 20 other days ; whole number of times, 71. Plantations, 8 other days. Communion Alms, $50.95 ; domestic missions, $6 ; other Church purposes, $14 ; total, $70.95.

St. Paul's, Stono, and St. Paul's Church, Summerville.

The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white child. Marriages, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Burials, 1 white; 1 colored; total, 2. Communicants, admitted, 2 white. Present number, 21 white. Congregation, non-communicants, 24 white. Children under 14, 38 white. Families, 20 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 3 white; total, 23. Children catechised generally in Summer on the afternoon of Sundays, 12 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 white. Public Worship, St. Paul's, whole number of times, 76. Communion Alms, $31.44; Advent Society, $5; domestic missions, $5; foreign missions, $5; total, $46.44.

All-Saints', Waccamaw.

The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector.

The Rev. Lucien C. Lance, Deacon, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—8 colored adults; 4 white children; 97 colored children; total, 109. Marriages, 1 white; 16 colored; total, 17. Burials, 3 white; 3 colored; total, 6. Communicants, last reported, 45 white; 122 colored; total, 167. Admitted, 7 white; 18 colored; total, 25. Removed, 1 colored. Withdrew, 2 colored. Died, 2 white; 3 colored; total, 5. Present number, 50 white; 134 colored; total, 184. Congregation, non-communicants, 32 white. Children under 14, 47 white. Families, 26 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 4 white. Children catechised on 9 days, 12 white; on 219 days, 432 colored; total, 444. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4 white; 20 colored; total, 24. Public Worship, Parish Church, 35 Sundays; 9 other days; whole nnmber of times, 44. Southern Church, 17 Sundays; 2 other days; whole number of times, 19. Summer retreat, 1 Sunday; divine services for the negroes on 15 plantations, and at the Summer retreat, whole number of times, 212; total, 276. Communion Alms, $110.09; Diocesan missions, $30; domestic missions, $146.32; foreign missions, $333; other Church purposes, $63; for the sick in Charleston last autumn, $77; total, $759.41.

Remarks.—The Rev. Lucien C. Lance having been invited to the Parish as assistant Minister, entered upon his duties at the beginning of December.

Preliminary steps have been taken to erect another Church about eight miles above the Parish Church.

Christ Church, Wilton.

The Rev. Richardson Graham, Rector.

Baptisms—6 white children; 8 colored children; total, 14. Burials, 3 white; 5 colored; total, 8. Communicants, last reported, 30 white: colored, unknown. Admitted, 9 white; 2 colored; total, 11. Died, 3 white; 5 colored; total, 8. Present number, 39 white; colored, un-

ored, unknown. Congregation, non-communicants, 20 white; colored, unknown. Children under 14, 36 white; colored, unknown. Families, 22 white; colored, unknown. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 13 white. Colored children catechised on 45 days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 9 white; 3 colored; total, 12. Public Worship, Christ Church, 20 Sundays; 8 other days; whole number of times, 28. For negroes in Christ Church, 16 Sundays. Chapel of Christ Church, at Adam's Run, 19 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 20. On plantations for negroes, 39 Sundays; 2 other days; whole number of times, 41. Communion Alms, $26.50; Diocesan missions, $10; domestic missions, $35; foreign missions, $190; other Church purposes, unknown; total, $261.50.

Remarks.—The Rector spent one Sunday in Beaufort, and officiated *twice;* and on the occasion of the Bishop's visit to Walterboro' in June, also preached twice in St. Jude's Church.

The above report closes my connexion with the Parish of Christ Church, Wilton.

St. David's, Cheraw.

The Rev. Alexander Gregg, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 1 colored adult; 4 white children; 1 colored child; total, 8. Marriages, 4 white; 2 colored; total, 6. Burials, 14 white; 1 colored; total, 15. Communicants, last reported, 27 white; 4 colored; total, 31. Admitted, 10 white; 2 colored; total, 12. Removed, 1 colored. Present number, 37 white; 5 colored; total, 42. Congregation, non-communicants, 47 white; colored, uncertain. Children under 14, 57 white; colored, uncertain. Families, 31 white. Children catechised on Sundays. Confirmed by the Bishop, 15 white; 2 colored; total, 17. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 3 white. Number of scholars, 37 white; colored, uncertain. Subjects of instruction, the Gospel of St. Matthew, the Church catechism, Hobart's catechism No. 2, P. E. Sunday School book No. 4, Collects and Hymns. Public Worship, St. David's, 52 Sundays; 9 other days. Other places, 19 Sundays. Whole number of times, 110. Communion Alms, $41.07; domestic missions, $33; foreign missions, $51; Sunday School books, $18.10; other Church purposes, $62; total, $205.17.

St. John's, Colleton.

The Rev. Charles H. Hall, Rector.

The Rev. John Foster, Missionary.

Baptisms—32 colored adults; 7 white children; 5 colored children; total, 44. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 6 white. Communicants, admitted, 5 white; 32 colored; total, 37. Present number, 57 white; 380 colored; total, 437. Congregation, non-communicants, 55 white. Children under 14, 61 white. Families, 48 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 6 white. Children

catechised on 5 Sundays, colored children. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white; 36 colored; total, 38. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 1 white. Number of scholars, 12 white; 40 colored; total, 51. Subjects of instruction, Bible class and lecture weekly in summer. Public Worship, Rockville and Legareville, 5 months; St. John's, John's Island, 7 months.

Remarks.—Services performed by others in the Parish, will be reported by them.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

The Rev. Ch. Hanckel, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; 21 white children; 2 colored children; total, 24. Marriages, 7 white; 4 colored; total, 11. Burials, 17 white; 2 colored; total, 19. Communicants, last reported, 273 white; 52 colored; total, 325, Admitted, 10 white; 2 colored; total, 12. Removed, 23 white. Died, 6 white. Suspended, 1 white. Present number, 258 white; 54 colored; total, 307. Congregation, non-communicants, 296 white; 83 colored; total, 379. Children under 14, 264 white; 133 colored; total, 397. Families, 184 white; 37 colored; total, 221. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, not ascertained. Children catechised on 12 days, about 40 white; about 20 colored; total, 60. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 14 white; 5 colored; total, 19. Number of scholars, about 90 white; about 25 colored; total, 115. Subjects of instruction, religious truths and duties of course. Public Worship, St. Paul's, 43 Sundays; 71 other days; whole number of times, 157. Communion Alms, $429.93; Diocesan missions, $100; domestic missions, $204.29; foreign missions, $147.58; other Church purposes, $6,376 exclusive of salaries, and $100 from the ladies' working Society of St. Paul's, for charitable purposes.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis's.

The Rev. J. S. Hanckel, Rector.

Baptisms—3 colored adults; 2 white children; 18 colored children; total, 23. Burials, 1 white; 1 colored; total, 2. Communicants, last reported, 30 white; 74 colored; total, 94. Present number, 28 white; 92 colored; total, 120. Congregation, non-communicants, 40 white; colored, not ascertained; Children under 14, 50 white; colored, not ascertained. Families, 30 white; colored, not ascertained. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 20 white; colored, not ascertained. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white; 22 colored; total, 23.

Remarks.—Divine service is held every Lord's day at both the Parish Church and Chapel, by the Rector and Rev. Mr. Logan alternately during the winter, and once a fortnight at each during the summer (except the months of August and September) by the Rev. Mr. Logan. At five other points in the Parish, appointments for the reli-

gious instruction of the negroes during the winter, at three of which Chapels are about to be erected, the materials for two being already on the spot.

The "Beresford Bounty" School has been re-organized under regulations gathered mainly from past experience, and the Rev. E. C. Logan elected teacher. A large and commodious School House, of 14 rooms, has been erected during the past summer at the village of Cainhoy, for the accommodation of the teacher, matron and scholars, (now 22 in attendance,) who are we trust receiving sound religious as well as secular instruction and training. The former winter residence of the teacher has been made the Rectory, enlarged, repaired, and, with a complement of out-buildings, put under a substantial enclosure. Both School House and Rectory have been supplied with standing furniture.

A Vestry room (which was so long needed) has also been added to the Chapel, and comfortably furnished.

P. E. Church, Edisto Island, and St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.

The Rev. Wm. H. Hanckel, Rector.

Baptisms—7 colored adults; 5 white children; total, 12. Marriages, 4 white. Burials, 8 white. Communicants, last reported, 38 white; 100 colored; total, 138, Admitted, 7 white; 9 colored; total, 16. Removed, 4 white; 7 colored; total, 11. Died, 4 colored. Suspended, 3 colored. Present number, 43 white; 95 colored; total, 138. Congregation, non-communicants, 48 white. Children under 14, 54 white. Families, 20 white; families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 12 white; total, 32. Confirmed by the Bishop, 27 colored. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 9 white. Number of scholars, 30 white; about 80 colored; total, 110. Public Worship, P. E. Church of Edisto Island, 29 Sundays; 3 other days; whole number of times, 52. St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville, 12 Sundays; whole number of times, 24; total, 76. Communion Alms, $43.07; foreign missions, $196.14; other Church purposes, $1,550; total, $1,789.21.

Remarks.—The Rector was compelled to suspend his duties in the Parish the greater part of last summer, on account of ill health. This explains the small number of services reported.

Prince George, Winyaw.

The Rev. R. T. Howard, Rector.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; 14 white children; 2 colored children; total, 17. Marriages, 1 white; 3 colored; total, 4. Burials, 6 white. Communicants, last reported, 52 white; 17 colored; total, 69. Admitted, 1 white; 3 colored; total, 4. Died, 1 white. Present number, 53 white; 20 colored; total, 73. Congregation, non-communicants, 70 white. Children under 14, 69. Families, 44. Children catechised in Sunday School every Sunday. Confirmed by the Bishop, 8 white; 16 colored; total, 24. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 3 white. Num-

ber of scholars, 18 white; 11 colored; total, 29. Subjects of instruction, catechism and hymn book. Public Worship, Prince George, Winyaw, Sundays, every one in the year; other days, chiefly fasts and festivals; whole number of times, 100. We have a regular Wednesday service for prayer. Communion Alms, $90.26; Diocesan mission, $64.55; domestic missions, $50; foreign missions, $45; add to the Church of the "Holy Communion," $260; by the ladies of the congregation for procuring new *pulpit hanging and altar carpet and cloth*, $285; American Bible Society, $30; sufferers by yellow fever in Charleston, $38; total, $862.81.

Remarks.—It will be observed that all the contributions have not been for strictly "Church purposes," but still they were charities publicly recognised in the Church by Pastor and people.

St. John's, Berkley.

The Rev. W. B. W. Howe, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 27 colored adults; 2 white children; 40 colored children; total, 70. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Communicants, last reported, 45 white; 150 colored; total, 195. Admitted, 8 white; 30 colored; total, 38. Removed, 3 white. Present number, 46 white; 180 colored; total, 226. Congregation, non-communicants, 38 white. Children under 14, 62 colored; Families, 46 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 19 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 white; 58 colored; total, 63. Public Worship, Biggin, 11 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 12. Strawberry, 18 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 32. Whiteville, 13 Sundays; 40 other days; whole number of times, 60. Cordesville, 10 Sundays; whole number of times, 24. Plantations, 23 Sundays; whole number of times, 30. Other places, 5 Sundays; whole number of times, 9. Total number of services, 167. Communion Alms, $156.01; Parochial Schools, $219.47; other Church purposes, $425; total, $644.47.

Prince Frederick's.

The Rev Joseph Hunter, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white child; 61 colored children; total, 62. Marriages, 3 colored. Burials, 2 white. Communicants, last reported, 15 white; 3 colored; total, 18. Admitted, 1 white. Present number, 16 white; 3 colored; total, 19. Congregation, non-communicants, 20 white. Children under 14, 37 white. Families, 15 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 8 white. Children catechised, 10 white on 6 days; 140 colored on 66 days; total, 150. Confirmed by the Bishop, 6 colored. Public Worship, Prince Frederick's, 27 Sundays; 8 other days; whole number of times, 35. On plantations to colored people, 70 other days; whole number of times, 105. Communion Alms, $25; Diocesan missions, $43; domestic missions, $92.25; foreign missions, 10; other Church purposes, $74.50; total, $244.75.

Remarks.—I was absent during the last summer, and am indebted to Rev. Mr. Howard for occasional services in Plantersville Chapel.

St. James's, Santee.

The Rev. Nathaniel Hyatt, Rector.

Baptisms—6 colored adults; 1 white child; 25 colored children; total, 32. Marriages, 1 white; 5 colored; total, 6. Communicants, last reported, 22 white; 276 colored; total, 298. Admitted, 40 colored. Removed, 2 white; 20 colored; total, 22. Died, 5 colored. Present number, 28 white; 291 colored; total, 319. Congregation. non-communicants, 32 white. Children under 14, 35 white. Families, 22 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations of P. E. Church, 9 white. Children catechised on 12 days, 250 colored. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 white; 40 colored; total, 43. Public Worship, Wambaw Church, 24 Sundays; 3 other days; whole number of times, 27. Hampton Chapel, 12 Sundays. River Chapel, 12 Sundays. Communion Alms, $36.08; other Church purposes, $80; total, $116.08.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.

The Rev. Nathaniel Hyatt, Rector.

Baptisms—4 white children; 3 colored children; total, 7. Burials, 5 white adults; 1 colored adult; 2 white children; 3 colored children; total, 11. Communicants, 60 white; 10 colored; total, 70. Families, 50 white, all belonging to other congregations. Public Worship, Grace Church, 28 Sundays; whole number of times, 54. Communion Alms, $111; collection on the day of Humiliation and Prayer, for the sick in Charleston and Savannah, $100.

Report of the Rev. P. G. Jenkins, Deacon.

In January, 1854, I resigned my situation as assistant to the Rev. C. Wallace, of St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston. I have officiated 5 times at St. John's Church, John's Island, during the absence of the Rector, and have assisted him in the services almost every Sunday. I have also held frequent services on Sundays for slaves. I have baptised 2 adults and 4 children, all colored. In June I accepted an invitation from the Rev. J. B. Seabrook to assist him in his school at Bluffton, and in his mission to the slaves. During the week I taught in the day school, and catechised a class of colored children. I preached 4 times at the Chapel of the Cross, Bluffton, and once at Zion Chapel, Hilton Head. I have held services for slaves on every Lord's day. I have since been invited to settle in Bluffton as a Missionary to the slaves, in the neighborhood of that town. My labors began there in January of this year.

Report of St. Jude's Church, Walterboro, Parish of St. Bartholomew, in charge of the Assistant Rector, the Rev. B. Johnson.

Baptisms—9 colored adults; 6 white children; 6 colored children; total, 21. Marriages, 3 colored. Burials, 7 white; 5 colored; total, 12. Communicants, 57 white; 30 colored; total, 87: of which there have been admitted during the year, 9 white; 19 colored; total, 28. Died, 3 whites. Suspended, 1 colored. Non-communicants, (not ascertained.) Children under 14, about 65. Families, 44. Families belonging to other congregations, 16. Children catechised during the summer. Confirmed by the Bishop, 12 white; 14 colored; total, 26. Sunday School teachers, 7. Scholars, 25 white; from 80 to 100 colored. Public service in St. Jude's Church, 185 times; elsewhere, 6; total, 191. Communion, 12 times; private communion, 2; total, 14. Alms, $85.37; for missions, Diocesan, $15; foreign, $80.78; other Church purposes, $29; additional subscription towards an organ, about $200; total, $410.15.

Remarks.—The present Minister took charge of this congregation, on the 1st January, 1854, having accepted an unanimous call of the vestry of St. Bartholomew's Parish, to become "Assistant Rector" of the Parish, and assume the exclusive charge of St. Jude's Church, Walterboro', (the Rev. Mr. Prentiss, as Rector, having the care of the lower part of the Parish.) On Easter Monday last another vestry came into power, Mr. Prentiss resigned his charge, and the Rev. Mr. Miles was called in his stead, his salary being guaranteed by the lower part of the Parish, leaving the relations established between St. Jude's Church and its Minister *undisturbed* and *unquestioned*. Mr. Miles declined the call, and thus matters stood until November, when the present vestry called upon me authoritatively to give (as "*Assistant Minister of the Parish in general*") three services in every month to the Church at Ashepoo. As this demand was in direct violation of the conditions of the call which brought me here, and placed me in a false position, and tended to sacrifice the interests of my charge, it was promptly refused. The vestry were also reminded that by their own action, in calling Mr. Miles to succeed Mr. Prentiss, they had publicly admitted and consented to my permament jurisdiction in Walterboro'. In reply to this argument, maintaining my true position, the vestry have reduced my salary to $450, *one-half* the amount pledged me for my support when called from a distant Parish to serve them. Thus, while enjoying the general confidence of my congregation, in the midst of laborious and successful services, I have been proscribed, and the fact is now placed on record before the Church.

The congregation of St. Jude's have already taken the initiatory step towards the erection of an Independent Parish, and should they carry out this measure we have no doubt (judging from the successful experience of the past year) that the Church will prosper before God.

St. Michael's, Charleston.

The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector.

The Rev. James H. Elliott, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—3 white adults; 16 white children; 3 colored children; total, 22. Marriages, 6 white. Burials, 22 white; 5 colored; total, 27. Communicants, last reported, about 320 white; about 35 colored; total, 355. Admitted, 25 white; 1 colored; total, 26. Removed, 6 white. Died, 6 white; 2 colored; total, 8. Present number, 343 white; 34 colored; total, about 377. Congregation, non-communicants, about 200 white. Children under 14, about 175 white. Families, about 175 white. The aggregate number of the congregation cannot vary much, the pews being all occupied. Children catechised on 10 days, about 80 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 22 white; 1 colored; total, 23. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 6 white. Number of scholars, 37 white. Subjects of instruction, "questions on the Acts and the Gospel," and Beaven's Help to Catechising, with, occasionally, the Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the day. The exercises were interrupted during the summer, and the school has not yet recovered from the effects. Public Worship, St. Michael's, 53 Sundays; 144 other days; whole number of times, 246. Communion Alms, $803.38; Diocesan missions, $285.97; domestic missions, $423 34; foreign missions, $219.89; Sisters of Charity, $178.95; collection on fast day for sick in Charleston and Savannah, $317; Sunday School offerings for missions, Diocesan, domestic and foreign, $51.71; Working Society for Diocesan missions, $123; total, $2,403.24.

Prince William's Parish.

The Rev. Charles E. Leverett, Rector.

The Rev. S. Elliott, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—1 white child. Marriages, 1 white. Communicants, last reported, 43 white. Admitted, 3 white. Removed, 10 white. Withdrawn, 1 white. Died, 1 white. Present number, 35 white. Congregation, non-communicants, 46 white. Children under 14, 33 white. Families, 22 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 13 white. Public Worship, Sheldon Church, 25 Sundays; whole number of times, 25. Sheldon Chapel, 27 Sundays; whole number of times, about 54. Services for negroes Sunday nights, and sermons about 20; whole number of times, 20. Total, about 99. Communion Alms, $68; Diocesan missions, $350; domestic missions, $43; foreign missions, $176; other Church purposes, $1,500; total, $2,137.

Remarks.—The tabular report shows decrease; this is owing to removals. The Chapel or summer Church, in consequence of the fewness of worshippers, can scarcely be said to have more than a nominal existence, the average attendance, exclusive of the Rector's family, being about fifteen. The services are regularly kept up, with the exception of the weekly lecture, which, for want of a congregation, has

been discontinued. The Sunday School is not reported for a like reason. Much time is thus lost by the Rector, in a day when the complaint is that the harvest is (in some fields) great, and the laborers few. He is willing to work while it is day.

It might, perhaps, be better to place the Chapel and mission in the hands of the Missionary, and let the Rector's duties be confined to Sheldon Church, and the Missionary work in that vicinity.

For want of some layman, interested in ecclesiastical matters, the building of the Rectory at Sheldon, has been delayed.

It may be well to state that fifty (50) acres of land given, in addition to the glebe, (about the same,) by Gov. William Bull, (1750-60 ?) has been recently discovered. It has been used through mistake by a neighbor as his own for some twenty years. It was, of course, readily surrendered when the fact was communicated. It is hoped that these lands, given by the founder of the Church, will, according to his evident design, never be alienated. To a Rector resident at Sheldon, they would be very valuable.

The difficulty of engaging workmen for the country, has been the cause of the delay in rebuilding Sheldon Church. The committee will accomplish their trust as soon as possible—they hope at an early day.

The mission to the negroes, vacated by the removal of Rev. B. C. Webb, remains unsupplied. It is hoped that earnest efforts will be made by those directly interested in providing such ministrations, for a renewal of them. While men slumber the enemy comes in, (we are taught,) and sows tares. It is due to these, whose toil secures to our use the enjoyment of Christian privileges, to be provided with spiritual blessings, protective against the snares of the adversary of souls.

Church of the Messiah, North Santee.

The Rev. E. C. Logan, late Rector.

Baptisms—17 colored adults; 1 white child; 23 colored children; total, 41. Marriages, 2 colored. Burials, 3 colored. Colored children catechised 25 times, number unknown. Public Worship, Church of the Messiah, 19 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 20. On plantations, whole number of times, 42. Communion Alms, applied to missions, and included under that head; domestic missions, $6.33; foreign missions, $14.05; total, $20.38.

Remarks.—The above report is for the winter of 1854. In May last I removed into St. Thomas and St. Dennis's Parish, where I officiate as Assistant Minister and teacher of the Parish School. Religious services performed by me in said Parish, have been incorporated in the Rector's report.

St. Philip's, Bradford Springs.

The Rev. T. N. Lucas, Rector.

Communicants—admitted, 1 white. Present number, 8. Congregation, non-communicants, 14 white. Children under 14, 22 white.

Families, 9 white. Public Worship, St. Philip's, on each alternate Sunday, from July to November. Communion Alms, $15.

Remarks.—Mission to the blacks on Mr. Moor's plantation, Stateburg. I have only just entered on the duties of this mission, and can report but one marriage, and services performed on seven or eight Sundays.

Church of the Advent, Spartanburg, and Calvary Church, Glenn Springs.

The Rev. J. D. McCollough, Rector.
The Rev. E. A. Wagner, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 5 white children; 2 colored children; total, 8. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, last reported, 23 white; 1 colored; total, 24. Admitted, 12 white. Removed, 6 white. Died, 1. Present number, 32 white; 1 colored; total, 33. Congregation, non-communicants, 16 white; 3 colored; total, 19. Children under 14 years, 23 white; 9 colored; total, 32. Families, 18. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4 white. Communion Alms, $64 46; domestic missions, $20; other Church purposes, $70.98; total, $155.44. Public Worship: service was performed on 50 Sundays in the Church of the Advent, for the most part twice, and with 2 sermons. Also, in Calvary Church, from February 1st to December 1st, on Sundays, twice, with a few exception, due to weather, &c. Daily service in the Chapel of the School. The Rector has performed full service 10 times in adjoining districts.

St. Helena Island.

The Rev. David McElheran, Rector.

Baptisms—6 white children; 1 colored; total, 7. Marriages, 3 white. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, last reported, 30 white; 10 colored; total, 40. Removed, 3 white. Present number, 27 white; 10 colored; total, 37. Congregation, non-communicants, 31 white. Children under 14, 20 white. Families, 24 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 24 white. Children catechised during summer. Confirmed by the Bishop, 9 white. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 3 white. Number of scholars, 15 white; 20 to 30 colored; total, 45. Subjects of instruction, Holy Scriptures and Church catechism. Public Worship, St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island, 50 Sundays; 2 other days; whole number of times, 52. St. Helenaville Chapel, 21 Sundays; whole number of times, 21. Total, 73. Communion Alms, $19.50; Diocesan missions, $31; other Church purposes, $18; total, $68.50.

St. John's, Hampstead, Charleston.

The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, D. D., Minister.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 9 colored; 28 white children; 39 colored; total, 77. Marriages, 4 white; 10 colored; total, 14. Burials, 52 white; 18 colored; total, 70. Communicants, last reported, 51

white; 40 colored; total, 91. Admitted, 5 white. Died, 4 white. Present number, 54 white; 41 colored; total, 95. Congregation, non-communicants, uncertain. Children under 14, uncertain. Children catechised on 12 days. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 10 white. Public Worship, St. John's Chapel, 52 Sundays; 118 other days; whole number of times, 226. Poor House, 52 other days; whole number of times, 52. Total, 278. Communion Alms, $86.69.

St. James's, James Island.

The Rev. Stiles Mellichamp, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—11 colored adults; 1 white child; 3 colored children; total, 15. Marriages, 3 colored. Burials, 4 colored. Congregation, communicants, 17 white; 23 colored; total, 40. Non-communicants, 7 white; 25 colored; total, 32. Children under 14, 10 white. Families, 8 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 1 white. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 8 white. Number of scholars, 4 white; 40 colored; total, 44. Public Worship, St. James's, 49 Sundays; 22 other days; whole number of times, 71. Services to negroes, whole number of times, 147. Total, 218.

Remarks.—I have, upon the whole, been encouraged with the results of the past year. God's blessing seems to accompany ministerial labors here.

Among the negroes especially, the interest in Christ's Gospel is increasing. Eleven adults have been baptised who, I trust, had previously learned the truth as it is in Jesus, and are bringing forth fruits meet for repentance. Indeed, numbers could be brought, in this way, into the Church; but I deem it prudent to delay admission until full satisfaction as to a radical change of heart and life. I preach to them every Sabbath after service at the Church; and twice, and I hope soon to make it thrice, on plantations in the afternoon.

Mar's Bluff.

The Rev. Augustus Moore, Deacon.

Burials—1 white adult; 1 colored adult; 1 white child; total, 3. Communicants, present number, 7 white; 1 colored; total, 8. Congregation, families, 7 white. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 1 white. Colored children catechised on 12 days. Public Worship, Mar's Bluff, 40 Sundays; 2 other days; whole number of times, 78. Other places, 5 Sundays; 4 other days; whole number of times, 14.

Remarks.—I would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of $50, at the hands of Rev. Dr. Hanckel, from St. Paul's Church, as an outfit.

The Holy Communion, Charleston.

The Rev. A. T. Porter, Deacon, Minister.

Baptisms—13 white children; 6 colored; total, 19. Marriages, 1 white; 3 colored; total, 4. Burials, 2 white. Communicants, removed,

3 white. Withdrew, 1 white. Present number, 19 white ; 2 colored ; total, 21. Congregation, non-communicants, 16 white ; 2 colored ; total, 18. Children under 14, 65 white ; 60 colored ; total, 125. Families, 23 white ; colored, not known. Children catechised nearly every Sunday. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 4 white. Number of scholars, 50 white ; 57 colored ; total, 107. Public Worship, Holy Communion, 16 Sundays as Lay reader ; 22 Sundays ; 40 other days ; whole number of times, 110. All-Saints', Waccamaw, 2 Sundays ; whole number of times, 5. Grace Church, Camden, 3 Sundays ; whole number of times, 3. St. Paul's, Charleston, 1 Sunday ; whole number of times, 1. Had yellow fever which prevented other times. Communion Alms, $58.03 ; have collected for the building of the Church, $4,558 ; subscribed, not collected, $750 ; total, $5,366.03.

Report of the Rev. Wm. T. Potter, Missionary to Negroes in Prince William's Parish.

My missionary services were uninterruptedly continued after the meeting of the Convention, until the 10th of May—on one or two occasions having assisted my esteemed brother, the Rector of Sheldon Church. I also baptised five colored infants, and performed the burial service during my labors, which were confined to my own and Col. Hamilton's plantations.

On reaching the city I preached at the Chapel by request of my brother, and assisted at the communion. Business calling me to my old Parish, I officiated and preached for the Rector of St. Paul's, Pendleton. On my return from the up-country, by invitation of the Chairman of the Vestry of St. Peter's, I supplied them three or four Sundays in June, the entire service. On my voyage to the north preached on board the steamer Nashville ; the next Sunday at West Point ; the following at Catskill mountain, and then for three Sundays at Sharon, being present with the courteous and lamented Bishop Wainright, and in company with him and the Rector of Cherry Valley, accompanying them to Cooperstown ; at Sharon I visited daily a very aged member of our Church, confirmed by Bishop Seabury, and for more than 70 years a worthy member, and for 20 years a Warden in Ohio ; also administered the Holy Communion in his last illness, which seemed truly refreshing to his anxious soul, having been long deprived thereof, according to the mode of his affectionate and decided preference. While there I visited the sick as opportunity offered ; buried one youth by our service, and was much with his afflicted parents while deploring his loss. At Brattleboro, Vt. kept the Church open by officiating and preaching two Sundays to a small but very interesting congregation ; also administered the communion.

I preached once in Philadelphia, also assisted in the prayers on three or four occasions ; similar duty in Charleston on my return, and from these to my own home, where I have devoted my best efforts for the temporal and spiritual interest of the colored population of this neighborhood.

Till the Providence of God calls me hence, I shall strive through His

grace to do my duty in that state of life in which he has been fit to place me. I have catechised and preached every Sunday, also baptised three infants, and married two couples since my return.

Report of the Rev. W. O. Prentiss, Missionary in the Parish of St. Bartholomew.

During the year I have officiated in several places.

The month of January was chiefly spent in the city of Philadelphia, where, at the request of the Rector, I ministered to the Church of the Epiphany. I held there eight services on four Sundays, and eight on as many other days. I also baptised six children.

In the Edmondsbury Chapel, Ashepoo, I have officiated ten times on as many Sundays. On the 2d of April, (it being the fifth Sunday of Lent,) that building was consecrated to the service of God by the Bishop of the Diocese, on which occasion seventeen colored persons were confirmed by him. In May I resigned the Pastoral charge of this Parish, and shortly after received the Bishop's sanction for missionating therein among the negroes. The Missionary field here is large and interesting. From the middle of March to the end of the year, regular services for the negroes have been held on five plantations by myself, or a pious layman looking forward to the ministry. The services have been attended, more or less, by residents on eleven other places. I have baptised three adults, have married one white couple and two colored. The number of communicants attached to the mission is sixty; of children catechised at the different places, seventy-six. Some good is done, but in common with most of those who are engaged in this "work of faith and labor of love," we have to regret the indifference manifested by those whose duty it is to further our undertaking, and whose best interests we design to promote.

During the past summer I officiated at St. Peter's Church, Charleston, thirty-eight times on fourteen Sundays, and nine times on nine other days. I also baptised four children, and buried two.

Zion Church, Richland.

The Rev. J. M. Pringle, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 11 colored; 7 white children; 9 colored; total, 29. Burials, 1 white adult; 2 white children; total, 3. Communicants, last reported, 17 white; 95 colored; total, 112. Admitted, 4 white; 13 colored; total, 17. Removed, 4 white. Died, 1 white; 1 colored; total, 2. Suspended, 1 white; 2 colored; total, 3. Present number, 16 white; 106 colored; total, 122. Families of the congregation, 12; families of other P. E. congregations, 5; total, 17.

The Bishop visited the Church on the 11th August. He preached at the Palmetto Academy on the afternoon of that day. On the 18th, (Saturday,) at Zion Chapel, Rev. Mr. Bellinger of Trinity Church, Edgefield, preached. The Bishop lectured and confirmed three white persons. Another candidate for confirmation could not be present. The communion was administered on this occasion. Zion Chapel is

favorably situated for introducing the poor of our white population into the Church. The congregation at this place of worship, is composed of a certain number of families who are steady in their attendance on our services, but with the exception of three or four families, are not otherwise specially connected with our Church. There is service here only on occasion of a fifth Sunday which happens, as all are aware, only four times during the year. The Sunday School being necessarily held on Saturday, and so almost deserted by the children, on account of their occupations in the field at home, has been discontinued.

On the 19th, (Sunday,) the Bishop preached at Zion Church, and confirmed six white persons and ten colored. In the afternoon he preached at the lower Church, and confirmed twelve colored persons. Seven colored persons, candidates for confirmation, could not attend at this place; and one to have been confimed at Zion Church, was not able to be present.

Places of worship, Zion Church; Lower Church, Zion Chapel. Services every Sunday, with one exception. Lecture every Friday afternoon at the Palmetto Academy, during spring and autumn months.

Communion Alms, $51.75; monthly missionary collections for the African mission, $38; domestic missions, $2. The Alms collected at the times of celebrating the communion, have been regularly distributed among the poor. A few needy persons at a distance have once or twice been assisted with sums of ten and twenty dollars. The Missionary collections have always been contributed to the African mission. On no former occasion has any report been made of the sums collected in this Church; and as it may be interesting to know what they have been, a summary or statement of the whole amount of Communion Alms and Missionary and other collections is added.

Missionary collections in Zion Church, from November, 1846, to December, 1854, $1,059. *Communion Alms* from August or September, 1846, to December, 1854, $474.16. Collection for relief of sick in New Orleans, $35.

Some of the collections for foreign missions were for the China mission, but the greater part and the regular collections were in aid of the mission in Africa.

St. Mark's, Clarendon.

The Rev. Edward Reed, Rector.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; 3 white children; total, 4. Congregation, communicants, 27 white; 18 colored; total, 45. Non-communicants, 29 white. Children under 14, 43 white. Families, 21 white; families belonging also to other congregations, 1 white; total, 22. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white; 5 colored; total, 7. Public Worship, St. Mark's Church, 36 Sundays; 2 other days; whole number of times, 38. St. James's Chapel, 7 Sundays; whole number of times, 7. Other places, whole number of times, 25.

Remarks.—In addition to the services above reported, instruction

is given regularly on the plantations and other places to the negroes by a catechist, on which occasions he is sometimes assisted by the Rector.

The Alms of the Parish amounted during the year to about $175.

A new Church is ready for consecration, and a Chapel erected some years since has been consecrated during the year.

Report of the Church of the Holy Cross, Claremont Parish.

The Rev. J. J. Roberts, Rector.

The Rev. T. N. Lucas, Missionary.

Baptisms—23 colored adults; 7 white children; 180 colored; total, 210. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 8 white; 1 colored; total, 9. Communicants, admitted, 6 white; 35 colored; total, 41. Removed, 1 white; 10 colored; total, 11. Died, 1 white; 2 colored; total, 3. Present number, 43 white; 110 colored; total, 153. Non-communicants, 22 white adults; colored, not known. Children in the Parish under 14, 49 white; colored, not known. Families, 32 white; colored, not known. Children catechised, about 10 white; catechised on the 4th Sunday of each month. Confirmed, 3 white; 92 colored; total, 95. Names of Churches and Chapels, Church of the Holy Cross, the Parish Church near Stateburgh. Chapel of Col. Moore, 6 miles from the Parish Church. Chapel of Major Richardson, 3 miles from the Parish Church. Two places of worship on plantations, 4 and 5 miles from the Parish Church. Offerings (generally specified) from January, 1854, to January, 1855, $454.81.

Remarks.—The Parish Church is opened every Sunday for divine service. During the year 1854, there was not an omission of service, from any cause, on Sunday. There has been service *also* on Saints' days and other Holy days; on Fridays likewise, when there has been no occurrence of a Holy day during that week. Again: I meet the white communicants on the *Saturday* preceding communion. The colored communicants, together with the candidates for baptisms and confirmation, meet me on the Sunday before communion, after divine service.

The Rev. T. N. Lucas commenced his ministrations to the negroes, on the plantations of Col. Moore and Major James S. Moore, about one month since. Mr. Welch preceded him.

I shall do all in my power to evangelize the negroes—our poor. I much desire to have three Chapels erected, to be consecrated, large enough to accommodate all the negroes on the hills. A young gentleman is now preparing himself, under me, to enter the field. May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be shed so abundantly upon the hearts and minds of the Pastor and people of Claremont, that God's will may be done by them all—"from the least even to the greatest."

St. Matthew's Parish.

The Rev. Julius Sams, Deacon.

I took charge of St. Matthew's Parish on the 15th of August, 1854, and for reasons which I thought good at the time, resigned on the 14th January, 1855. During my connection with said Parish, I preached twenty-one times to the white, and eight times to the colored congregation. Circumstances beyond my control prevented my giving that attention to the latter which, as Missionary, I should have done. Through the kindness of the Rev. Peter J. Shand, communion was administered to the white twice, and to the colored congregation once during my connection with the Parish. He also admitted to the communion, for the first time, two white adults, and at my request baptized one of the two. After my resignation, and before I left the Parish, I baptised two white children.

Number of white communicants, at present residing in the Parish, 14. Removals, 4. Number of colored communicants, unknown. Number of white adults confirmed, 2. Number of colored adults baptised and confirmed, 6. Number of white and colored non-communicants, unknown.

St. Peter's Church, Chesterville.

The Rev. R. S. Seely, Rector.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 4 white children; total, 5. Communicants, admitted, 1 white. Died, 1 white. Present number, 10 white. Non-communicants, 38 white. Children under 14, 26 white. Families, 13 white. Public Worship, St. Peter's Church, Chesterville, 12 Sundays; whole number of times, 24. Emmanuel Church, Landsford, 12 Sundays; whole number of times, 12.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.

The Rev. John Sellwood, Rector.

Baptisms—8 white children. Marriages, 4 white. Burials, 8 white. Communicants, last reported, 26 white; 40 colored; total, 66. Admitted, 12 white; 5 colored; total, 17. Removed, 1 white. Died, 4 white; 1 colored; total, 5. Present number, 33 white; 44 colored; total, 77. Non-communicants, 11 white. Children under 14, 35 white. Families, 15 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white; 5 colored; total, 7. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 3 white. Number of scholars, 10 white; 10 colored; total, 20. Holy Trinity, 53 Sundays; 12 other days; whole number number of times, 73. Free Church for servants, 22 Sundays. On several plantations, and at several places among the poor of the neighborhood, 22 Sundays. Communion Alms, $53; Diocesan missions, $5; domestic missions, $35; foreign missions, $265; other Church purposes, $432; total, $790.

Remarks.—On the resignation and removal of the Rev. James H. Elliott to Charleston, I received a unanimous call from the Vestry to

the Rectorship, and entered on its duties January 1st, 1854, in connection with my duties as Missionary to the neighborhood.

Since the arrival of my brother Mr. J. R. W. Sellwood, last June, I have been relieved from the performance of Missionary duties and exercise, now only a general supervision. He has been appointed as Catechist and Lay Reader for the mission, and is a candidate for Deacon's Orders. A considerable part of his time is spent in visiting the poor at their houses, scattered about for miles in the pine region, and endeaving to direct their attention to the concerns of a better world. Some of them scarcely ever enter a house of worship. Every Saturday morning, at a school house some miles distant, he holds a school for religious instruction for the children of that neighborhood. Every Sunday morning, some miles distant, at Sardis, in a house of worship, belonging to one of the Baptist sects, he holds a Sunday School for children, a Bible class for adults, and afterwards has Lay Reading. Every other Sunday evening he has Lay Reading at Ferebeeville.

The charge has often been made against our Church, that it is the Church of the rich—not the poor. It is to me a pleasing thought, that such a charge cannot be brought against our Church here; it is the Church of the rich, but provision is made also for the poor. There is but one thing now wanting towards the perfect organization of our Church here, and that is, a Missionary or Lay Catechist to the servants, whose whole time shall be devoted to their religious instruction. During the summer I regularly preached to them in the Free Church every Sunday. I have also had service on several of the plantations, which are within a few miles of Grahamville.

Owing to peculiar circumstances our Sunday School is very small, and can be held only for a short season during the summer. Last summer, in consequence of sickness, it was closed earlier than usual.

During the past year I was called on to officiate at a much larger number of funerals than my predecessor ever had. Sickness and death visited us; out of our small number of white communicants, four were taken away from us.

I have endeavored to preach the Gospel of Christ plainly and faithfully, and have some reason to hope that my labors have not been altogether in vain.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 22 white children; 2 colored; total, 26. Marriages, 5 white; 3 colored; total, 8. Burials, 14 white. Communicants, last reported, 110 white; 6 colored; total, 116. Admitted, 12 white; 3 colored; total, 15. Removed, 1 white; 2 colored; total, 3. Withdrew, 2 colored. Died, 2 white. Present number, 119 white; 5 colored; total, 124. Non-communicants, 109 white; colored unknown. Children under 14, 141 white; colored unknown. Families, 77 white; colored unknown. Children catechised usually once a month, from 20 to 30 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 26 white. Sunday Schools,

number of teachers, 5 white. Number of scholars, about 30 white. Subjects of instruction: Bible lessons, Beaven's catechism, Collect for the day, Psalms or Hymns. Public Worship, Trinity Church, every Sunday, Fast and Festival day, without few exceptions. Communion Alms, $323,18; Diocesan missions, $25; domestic missions, $81; foreign missions, $200; Parochial Schools, no account kept; other Church purposes, no account kept; total, $629.18.

Remarks.—Of the amount contributed to foreign missions, $176.07 was collected for Rev. Mr. Henning, agent for the African mission, on the occasion of his visiting and preaching in the Church.

One of the adults baptised was at the Church in St. Matthew's Parish, at the request of the Minister of said Church. At his request also, (he being in Deacon's Orders,) I administered the Holy Communion twice in said Parish.

St. Peter's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. J. A. Shanklin, Rector.

Baptisms—4 white children; 2 colored; total, 6. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, about 160 white; about 20 colored; total, 180. Non-communicants, unknown. Sunday scholars, 75 white; 15 colored; total, 90. Children under 14, about 160. Contributions, China missions, $115; African missions, $3; Church of Holy Communion, $381; Ogeechee mission, $105; total, $604.

Remarks.—The undersigned has so recently taken charge of this Parish, that his report must necessarily be imperfect.

Grace Church, Charleston.

The Rev. W. W. Spear, Rector.
The Rev. C. C. Pinckney, Jr., Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—21 white children; 5 colored; total, 26. Marriages, 9 white; 2 colored; total, 11. Burials, 18 white; 1 colored; total, 19. Communicants, present number, 180 white; 20 colored; total, 200. Non-communicants, 170 white; 15 colored; total, 185. Children under 14, 210 white; 20 colored; total, 230. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 5 white. Children catechised, 50 white; 20 colored; total, 70. Confirmed by the Bishop, 11 white; 4 colored; total, 15. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 12 white. Number of scholars, 75 white; 30 colored; total, 105. Public Worship, Grace Church, 52 Sundays; 50 other days; whole number of times, 154. Communion Alms, $572; Diocesan missions, $26; domestic missions, $267; foreign missions, $153; Parochial purposes, $1,650; other objects, $104; total, $2,772.

St. Luke's Parish.

The Rev. James Stoney, Rector.
The Rev. Joseph B. Seabrook, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—5 colored adults; 12 white children; total, 17. Marria-

ges, 1 white; 1 colored; total, 2. Burials, 4 white; 2 colored; total, 6. Communicants, last reported, 33 white; colored, no report. Admitted, 2 white; 5 colored; total, 7. Removed, 4 white, colored not known. Died, 2 white; colored not known. Present number, 34 white; 50 colored; total, 84. Non-communicants, 82 white; colored not known. Children under 14, 99 white; colored not known. Families, 41 white; colored not known. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 3 white; colored not known. Children catechised on Sundays, 50 white; 30 colored; total, 80. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 white; 24 colored; total, 27. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 5 white; 3 colored; total, 8. Number of scholars, 50 white; 30 colored; total, 80. Subjects of instruction: Scripture questions and Church catechism and hymns. Public Worship, St. Luke's Church, 19 Sundays; whole number of times, 19. Chapel of the Cross, Bluffton, 33 Sundays; 10 other days; whole number of times, 68. Zion Chapel, Hilton Head, 19 Sundays; whole number of times, 19. Pinckney's Island, 15 Sundays; whole number of times, 15. Colored Chapel, 45 Sundays; whole number of times, 45. Plantations, no account kept. Communion Alms, $53.67; Diocesan missions, $320; domestic missions, $56.47; foreign missions, $199.47; for relief of sufferers from yellow fever in Savannah, Ga. $349.50; for two aged persons from the wreck of the "Delia Maria," $50; for a poor family in Bluffton, $46.50; for two other poor persons, $20; total, $1,095.61.

Remarks.—During the summer months, in addition to the above, a special service was held every Sunday for the colored people in the village of Bluffton, which was well attended.

On the 8th May, Mr. C. R. Cross (layman) commenced laboring among the colored children on Hilton Head Island as a catechist. He has under his charge in all, on the different plantations, 220 children. His instructions are confined to Jones's catechism and the Church catechism and hymns. He designed to visit each class on the respective plantations once a week at least, but was much interrupted by sickness and other causes during the summer; he is now, however, regularly pursuing his duties humbly, relying and praying for the blessing of Almighty God on his work. We have a new Church now building in the village to cost about $,5000.

Calvary Church, Charleston.

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Minister.

Baptisms—8 colored adults; 1 white child; 26 colored; total, 35. Marriages, 1 white; 8 colored; total, 9. Burials, 1 white; 14 colored; total, 15. Communicants, last reported, 18 white; 30 colored; total, 48. Admitted, 4 white; 15 colored; total, 19. Removed, 2 white. Withdrawn, 2 colored. Died, 1 colored. Suspended, 1 white. Present number, 19 white; 42 colored; total, 61. Non-communicants, 12 white; colored unknown. Children under 14, 15 white; colored unknown. Families, 12 white; colored unknown. Children catechised

on 38 days, 10 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white; 5 colored; total, 6. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 20 white. Number of scholars, 564 colored. Snbjects of instruction: Church catechism, Hymns and Chants and Psalms, Collects and other Prayers, Scripture narratives. Public Worship, Calvary Church, 53 Sundays; 32 other days; whole number of times, 150. Communion Alms, $63.73; domestic missions, $31.18; foreign missions, $62.17; other Church purposes, $140.81; total, $297.89.

Remarks.—Communion administered 26 times. The numbers in attendance have been fewer through the summer, chiefly from the epidemic then prevailing; but there has been a perceptible growth in grace, and is now more of apparent spiritual life than ever before.

St. Luke's, Newberry.

The Rev. E. T. Walker, Rector.

The Church which I undertook to build in this place, is done, and will be ready for consecration this spring. The building is a very beautiful one, and will seat some three hundred persons.

The important work, however, of gathering a congregation, is now to commence. The way is open, and the field for ministerial labor is large, though one of faith and earnestness.

This Church will be one of interest; it is in the midst of an increasing population—not only in the town, but also in the district. There are multitudes of people to whom the Gospel should be preached.

Like all efforts of this kind, this Church will need the aid of the Diocese, in the support of the Ministry, for some time. The vestry and myself have acted together thus far, and have accomplished our object.

St. Helena, Beaufort.

The Rev. Jos. R. Walker, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 10 colored; 25 white children; 21 colored; total, 58. Marriages, 4 white; 8 colored; total, 12. Burials, 19 white; 7 colored; total, 26. White communicants, there was a mistake in the number last reported—it should have been 126. Since then 12 have been admitted to their first communion; 13 have come into the Parish, and have been recognized as communicants. *One*, (1) not of our communion, but admitted by request to commune with us, has returned to her own; 5 have removed; 5 have died. Present number, 140. Colored communicants, last reported, 112; added, 10. removed, 3. Present number, 116. Non-communicants, 112 white; colored uncertain. Children under 14, 171 white. Families, 70 white. Families which worship during the winter in other Parishes, 15. Children catechised on 6 Sundays, about 50. Confirmed by the Bishop, 11 white; 18 colored; total, 29. Sunday School teachers, 10 white; 6 colored; total. 16. Number of scholars, 60 white; 65 colored; total, 125. Subjects of instruction in white school: the Church catechism, the Collects, the Church Hymns, and the "Union Questions."

In the colored school: the "general confession," "the Te Deum," the Church catechism, and the hymns of the Church. Public Worship, St. Helena Church, 52 Sundays; 34 other days; total, 138. Plantation, mission services, 40. Communion Alms, $263.44; other charitable and other educational purposes, as far as known, $2,850; total, $3,113.44. Diocesan missions, about $500; domestic missions, $77.75; Church building and other Church purposes, about $350; total, $927.75.

Remarks.—Since the Rev. Stiles Mellichamp left the Parish, the mission to the slaves has been supplied by the Rev. Edward T. Walker, as far as his other engagements would permit, having held forty services among them, and performed other ministerial acts, which have been embodied in the Parish report.

During the summer and autumn, the Rector has been kindly aided by frequent and most acceptable ministerial services of the Rev. Wm. H. Barnwell, which he is glad thankfully to acknowledge.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.

The Rev. Cranmore Wallace, Minister and Missionary.

Baptisms—1 white adult; 2 colored; 34 white children; 3 colored; total, 40. Marriages, 14 white; 6 colored; total, 20. Burials, 38 white. Communicants, last reported, 130 white; 9 colored; total, 139, Admitted, 20 white. Removed, 18 white; 1 colored; total, 19. Withdrew, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Died, 12 white. Suspended, 2 white. Present number, 116 white; 7 colored; total, 123. Non-communicants, 150 white; 20 colored; total, 170. Children under 14, 175 white; 25 colored; total, 200. Families, 90 white; 10 colored; total, 100. Families belonging also to other congregations of P. E. Church, 2 white. Children catechised on several days, 12 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 10 white. Sunday Schools, number of teachers, 12 white. Number of scholars, 60 white; 15 colored; total, 75; average attendance, 55. Subjects of instruction: the Gospel of St. Luke, the Church catechism, Hobart's and Beaven's catechisms, Collects and Hymns. Public Worship, St. Stephen's Chapel, 52 Sundays; 250 other days; whole number of times, 340. At the Church Home, a private but full evening service, whole number of times, 300. Total, 640. Communion Alms, $128.25; Diocesan missions, $3; expenses of Chapel, $172.38; painting Chapel, $117; a Parochial School, $200; bequest of Mr. Isaac Mazyck, for the sick poor, $300; donations from Churches and individuals, many anonymous, for the poor, $656.99; total, $1,576.63.

Remarks.—The first three of the above items, were raised within the congregation; the fourth, partly; and the others, wholly without it, and mostly without any solicitation on the part of the Minister. He would here express his gratitude to those who so generously supplied him with abundant means for meeting the extraordinary calls arising under the late epidemic. Without solicitation many persons, personally unknown to him, sent to him considerable sums, and often

providentially at the very moment when they were most wanted. He was thus enabled to relieve the wants of the sick and dying, and in several instances to bury the dead. The time of the Minister was, of course, wholly occupied with the epidemic during its continuance. The Roper and Poor House Hospitals were visited almost daily, and the ministrations of religion carried to the bedside of the Protestants in them. Several, he trusts, were awakened to penitence, found a good hope through the merits and atonement of Christ, and died in peace. Others were beyond human ministrations, and departed, it is feared, in their sins.

Among the victims of the disease was our beloved Assistant Minister, the Rev. James Ward Simmons, who departed (to use his own words, the last day of his life on earth,) "in peace, perfect peace, with God and man."

The extraordinary number of deaths among the communicants, (12,) has arisen mostly from other diseases than the yellow fever. Several of them died of chronic complaints of long standing. The removals from the city (19) have also been more than usual. A considerable class is now preparing for confirmation, which will probably restore the losses among the communicants.

The congregation was of course much lessened during the prevalence of the fever, and for some time after; but a number of new families have been recently added. But the number of persons under the pastoral care of the Minister of this Chapel, can never be accurately judged of by the number attending any one service. Many come only once on Sunday, others once in several Sundays. Some excuse themselves on account of sickness, others on account of having no one to leave in care of their children, others for want of decent clothing, and so on.

A greater number still have little inclination for the services of the sanctuary, but call for our attendance in case of sickness or death. We have never felt at liberty to refuse these calls, even from the most unpromising quarters. It is our duty to "sow beside *all* waters" and leave the increase to the God of the harvest. In pursuance of this system, 2,215 visits have been made in the year.

Prayer books distributed, 50. Bibles, 18; several in the Spanish language. Testaments, 25. Tracts numerous, but not counted. A great number of Sunday School books have been given as rewards. Pieces of clothing, chiefly second-hand, received and distributed, 238. A large box of valuable gentlemen's clothing has just been received from an anonymous source—Jan. '55.

The Chapel has been painted within and without by subscription and the collections at the doors have been sufficient to pay the salary of the organist and other incidental expenses.

Report of the Rev. B. C. Webb, Missionary to the Colored People in Prince William's Parish.

From January to May the appointments were attended and filled with a few interruptions from sickness. In May I resigned the mis-

sion and moved to the up-country. Plantations same as last year. Communicants, 111. Baptisms, 10 adults; 19 infants; total, 29. Marriages, 2. Burials, none.

Report of the Rev. B. C. Webb, Rector of Trinity Church, Abbeville, and Missionary to Grace Church, Anderson.

In consequence of domestic affliction, I did not reach the up-country till the latter part of June. Began to officiate the 2d Sunday after Trinity, at Abbeville. From that time to the 1st Sunday in Advent, officiated at Abbeville and Anderson, according to the arrangement, which was 3 Sundays in the month at Abbeville, and 1 at Anderson. On one Sunday I held service at Williamston in Anderson District. The Bishop visited us the first week in September, preached frequently, and administered the Lord's Supper and Confirmation.

Baptisms—2 adults; 15 infants; total, 17. Burials, 2. Families at Abbeville, 18. 1 lost by removal. Confirmed, 3. Communicants at Abbeville, 22. 1 dead. Communicants at Anderson, 6. Families unknown. Burials, 2. A Sunday School was organized at Abbeville and regularly attended to on Sundays.

In December it pleased the Lord in infinite wisdom to lay his hand upon me, and lay me on the bed of sickness. My health having entirely failed, and being incapacitated for work, I resigned my Rectorship and Missionary charge in January, 1855, and now I am laid on the shelf, a worn-out volume; whether the Master will ever take me up again for use, time can alone manifest His will.

Report of the Rev. Arthur Wigfall, Missionary at Barhamville, S. C.

I have been preaching during the past year, at Barhamville, S. C., to a congregation of one hundred and twenty persons. This congregation has contributed, during the past year, $95 for missions and other charitable purposes.

Report of the Rev. A. Woodward, Missionary on Dawfuskie.

I have but little to say touching this mission. Owing to personal indisposition, affliction in my family, and other causes, over which I had no control, I have not been able to do much in the way of ministerial duty. The ground here has long been pre-occupied by the Baptists—most of the blacks belonging either to that denomination, or to what is called "The Society," a voluntary association got up by the colored people as a sort of "half way house." I am the first Episcopal Minister, I believe, who has ever officiated on this Island, either to the whites (who are but few in number) or to the blacks. I have solemnized one marriage, white, and preached in Bluffton several times for my Rev. brother, the Rector of St. Luke's. I hope, in my next, the Lord willing, to have something to report more worthy of consideration, and more interesting to the Church.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS,

For the year ending December 31, 1854.

	White.	*Colored.*	*Total.*
Baptisms—Adults,	19	354	
" Children,	346	668	
Grand Total,	365	1022	1387
Marriages,	109	89	198
Burials,	307	96	403
Congregation—Communicants,	2900	2720	5620
" Non-Communicants,	2357		2357
" Children under 14,	2840	471	3311
" Families,	1462	56	1518
Families belonging to other Congregations,	159		159
Children catechised,	519	949	1468
Confirmed by the Bishop,	236	520	756
Sunday Schools—Number of Teachers,	207		207
" " " Scholars,	938	1148	2086

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

ARTICLE I.

Of acceding to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina accedes to, recognizes and adopts the general Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

Of Stated Meetings.

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon by the preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

Of Members of Convention.

SECTION 1.—The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

SECTION 2.—The Bishop, the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, and the Minister, or Ministers of every Episcopal Church in union with this Convention, shall always be, *ex-officio*, a member or members of this Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof: *Provided*, that no Clergyman shall be entitled to *vote* in Convention, unless he has been actually, as well as canonically resident within the Diocese, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station: *Provided*, also, that no Clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

SECTION 3.—Every other Clergyman of the Church being a Missionary, officiating under the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, or a Chaplain in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of this Convention, with the exception of the right to vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches. The provisions of the second section of this Article shall also apply to the preceding part of this section. Every other Clergyman, being an instructor of youth in any seminary of learning, constituted by Civil or Ecclesiastical authority, in this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the Army or Navy of the United States, or being prevented by age and infirmity from exercising his clerical functions, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of this Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

SECTION 4.—Lay-Delegates not exceeding four (4) in number, shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches, in union with this Convention, from among the members of those Churches respectively to represent them in Convention; the Delegates to be elected in such manner and time, as each Church shall deem proper, to serve for one stated Convention. They shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election. For special Conventions, special elections shall be held.

SECTION 5.—No member shall hereafter represent two distinct Churches, or shall, in any case, have more than one vote.

SECTION 6.—A Lay-Member having taken his seat in the Convention as a Delegate from any Church, shall not (without the unanimous consent of the Convention,) be permitted to relinquish his seat, and take a seat as the Delegate of another Church.

ARTICLE IV.

Of a Quorum.

Ten (10) Members of the Clerical Order, and Lay-Representatives of ten (10) Churches, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business generally; but any number of either Order, that shall assemble, may adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed.

ARTICLE V.

Of the President.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex-officio*, President of the Convention. But in case of his absence, or a vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee shall be the President of the Convention; and if he be not present, a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending Presbyters.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Secretary.

A Secretary, who shall also be, *ex officio*, Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed,) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the proceedings of the Convention, attest its public acts, preserve its records, and give notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for any stated or special meeting of the Convention; and this notice shall be given at least six weeks before the meeting of such Convention. He shall also keep regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention, and shall faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers, relative and belonging to the Convention, which may be in his charge.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

SECTION 1.—A Standing Committee, consisting of five Presbyters of the Diocese, and five Laymen, taken indiscriminately from among the actual communicants of the Church in the Diocese, shall be elected by ballot at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitutions and Canons of the General and Diocesan Conventions, who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed.

SECTION 2.—At their first meeting after their appointment, they shall choose one of the Presbyters of their body to be their President, and another of their body to be their Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep regular minutes of all the proceedings and business of the Committee, to preserve them carefully recorded in a book provided for that purpose alone; to preserve the originals of all letters and papers addressed to the Standing Committee, to attest their public acts, to perform such other duties as they may require, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Standing Committee, which may have been entrusted to him.

SECTION 3.—They shall present to each annual Convention, an abstract of the minutes of their proceedings since the former Convention.

SECTION 4.—Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members, a majority of the whole Committee being necessary to constitute a choice.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of Special Meetings.

SECTION 1.—The Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Convention; and such meeting shall be held where the authority calling it shall determine; and at such special meeting no other business shall be transacted, than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

SECTION 2.—No special meeting of the Convention shall be called for the election of a Bishop or Assistant Bishop.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Voting in Convention.

On all questions, unless otherwise provided by the Constitution, the members shall deliberate and vote as one body; but any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote,) and a majority in both Orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE X.

Of the Election of a Bishop or Assistant Bishop.

In the election of a Bishop, or Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, a majority of each Order shall determine a choice: *Provided,* That two-thirds (2-3ds) of all the Clergy entitled to a vote, and two-thirds (2-3ds) of the Churches entitled to representation, be present; otherwise, two-thirds (2-3ds) of the votes of each Order present, shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ARTICLE XI.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

A Clergyman shall be subject to a trial for offences enumerated in the Canon of the General Convention "*of offences for which Ministers shall be tried and punished,*" and in the Canons of this Convention. The trial shall be conducted according to the mode provided for by the Canons of this Convention.

ARTICLE XII.

Of the Admission of Churches or Parishes into the Convention.

Whenever a Church or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, or he be absent to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means or prospects for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese, which are now or hereafter may be enacted by the authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop or Standing Committee shall communicate the same to the Convention for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favorable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese: *Provided always,* That the Delegates of the Church or Parish, newly admitted, though entitled to a seat, shall not be allowed a vote at the meeting of the Convention in which their Church or Parish is admitted. But no Lay vote shall be received from any Church or Parish, which has for three (3) successive years neglected to elect a Vestry and Wardens, or to pay its quota to the Convention, until admitted by a vote of the Convention.

ARTICLE XIII.

Of Deputies to the General Convention.

SECTION 1.—At every annual Convention, four Presbyters and four Laymen shall be chosen by ballot, to represent this Diocese in General Convention.

SECTION 2.—In case any Deputy, appointed as above, shall decline such appointment, or be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to inform the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee; and the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee may appoint a substitute for any deputy so declining, or unable to attend: *Provided,* That such substitute be a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of Altering the Constitution.

No one of these Articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new Article be proposed, considered and concurred in by a majority at one Convention, and concurred in by two-thirds (2-3ds) of the Churches present at a subsequent Convention.

CANONS.

CANON I.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Common Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this diocese, or his Assistant, shall from time to time, at his discretion, preach in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal office; and the Vestry of each Church are requested to make a collection annually in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution. *Passed* 1822. *Amended* 1826.

CANON II.

Providing for an accurate view of the State of the Church.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, or, if the Parish be vacant, then the Wardens thereof, shall, at or before the meeting of every Annual Convention, deliver or transmit to the Bishop, or, when there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement in writing of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Burials, in his Parish or Church, during the year ending on the first day of January, preceding; the names of places where, and how often in each, Divine Service has been held; the number of families, specifying how many of them belong likewise to other Congregations; the number of Communicants, stating the changes by admission, removal, death, and suspension; the number of adults, and of children under fourteen years of age; the number catechised, and on how many Sundays; whether there be any Sunday School, and if any, the number of children, and of teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same; also, the amount of Communion alms, the contributions for missions, diocesan, domestic and foreign; for Parochial schools, and for Church purposes of whatever kind; and, generally, all such other matters as may throw light on the state of the Church under his care.

In each case, the white and colored persons shall be reported distinctively; and all reports shall be in the form of a schedule, prepared by the Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of this Canon, and shall be laid before the Convention, and entered upon the Journal, conformably to Canon XII of the General Convention of 1853.—*Passed* 1854.

CANON III.

Trial of a Minister.

Section 1. In order to bring a Minister to trial before an Ecclesiastical Court, a charge shall be made in the first place to the Standing Committee in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese, setting forth the facts alleged, and the names of the witnesses who will prove the same; with copies of, or proper reference to any other evidence required. If the Standing Committee shall be of opinion that the facts charged will constitute any one or more of the offences enumerated in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, or of the General Convention, and that it would be for the good of the Church, that further proceedings should be had, they shall ascertain whether there is proof sufficient to put the accused upon his trial; and if satisfied, they shall thereupon cause a presentment to be made to the Bishop, charging the accused with the offence or offences which they deem to be contained in the evidence, and specifying the facts with such reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances, as shall be sufficient for a judicial investigation.

Sec. 2. The presentment having been made, the Bishop shall forthwith cause to be placed in a box the names of all the Presbyters of this Diocese, who, for the time being, are actually engaged in duty therein, (excepting the accused, the presenting Presbyters, and those on the Standing Committee;) he shall then cause twelve of the said names to be drawn out by a child under ten years of age; and the said twelve names shall be inscribed on a list. The Bishop shall immediately cause a copy of the said list and of the presentment to be served on the accused, or to be left at his usual place of residence. Within thirty days thereafter, the accused shall strike off the names of three of the Presbyters on the said list, and give notice thereof to the Bishop; and the Bishop shall thereupon send a list of the remaining Presbyters to the President of the Standing Committee, who shall, within fifteen days thereafter, strike off the names of three more, and give notice thereof to the Bishop. If either party shall fail to notify the Bishop as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to strike off so many names as the party failing was required to strike off; and in each case, the six remaining Presbyters shall constitute a Council for the trial of the accused.

Sec. 3. The Council shall hold its session at such time and place, and in public or in private, as the Bishop may appoint. It shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day, for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the Council who may be present, being not less than four, shall organize and appoint a President and Secretary; the first from their own body, and the latter from their own body, or otherwise; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a journal to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may be called upon by the Council to administer an oath, or affirmation, to the witnesses, and upon all questions, the Common Law shall furnish the rule, and the concurrence of a majority of the members present shall be sufficient for a decision.

Sec. 4. The Council, after it shall be organized, may appoint one or more of the Profession of the Law to be its Assessors; who may be present at all its proceedings. It shall be their duty to give to the Council an opinion upon any question which may arise, upon which the Council or any member thereof, or the prosecuting or accused party shall desire an opinion, but without any voice in the decision of any question.

Sec. 5. A written notice of the time and place of meeting of the Council, shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, at least thirty days before such meeting; and the like notice shall be given to the Standing Committee, who, by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution. The accused also shall be allowed the privilege of Counsel under such regulations as the Council may see fit to prescribe.

Sec. 6. If the accused do not appear, the Council may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he then fail to appear, the Council shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who, thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that end before the Council; and if he does not so report and appear, the Bishop in view of the Charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

Sec. 7. Upon the application of the President of the Standing Committee or the accused, to the Bishop setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and the party applying shall give to the other party five days notice of the time and place of taking the deposition, and of the principal points upon which the witness is to be examined. If the party to whom such notice is to be given, reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The deposition shall be signed by the witness, and certified by the Commissioner under seal, to the Council.

Sec. 8. When the trial shall be gone through, the Council shall declare, in a writing to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty, or not guilty—and if guilty, suggesting what sentence in their opinion, ought to be pronounced. They shall forward the decision, together with the evidence and the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon, if the accused be found guilty, the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence, as shall to him appear proper, not exceeding that suggested by the Council, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in such case, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case, a new Council shall be constituted, as hereinbefore provided, (excluding the members of the former Council,) before which the proceedings shall be conducted, as before provided.

Sec. 9. If the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop, (such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the Council,) shall proceed to pass sentence; and if, when put upon his trial before the Council, the accused shall neither admit or deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session, after the trial of a Minister, as herein provided, the finding of the Council and his sentence thereupon.

Sec. 11. Nothing herein contained shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop, or of the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, to institute an inquiry according to the provisions of Canon 37 of 1832, of the General Convention. And whenever upon such inquiry, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee shall be of opinion that there is just ground for the public rumors, mentioned in the said Canon, he or they shall inform the Standing Committee of the facts, and of the evidence to establish the same, and thereupon such further proceedings shall be had, as are herein directed, after a charge shall have been made to the Standing Committee.

Sec. 12. Canon third, entitled, "Trial of a Clergyman," is hereby repealed, and this Canon substituted therefor. *Passed* 1855.

CANON IV.

A list to be made of the Clergymen in this Diocese.

Section 1.—Within one week before the meeting of every Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or parishes, or of their stations as missionaries or chaplains, or of the colleges, academies, or other seminaries of learning, constituted by civil or ecclesiastical authority, in which they are engaged, or in regard to those who are not engaged in parishes, missions or institutions of learning as above, their places of residence only. And such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order on the first day of meeting, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom. Such list shall then be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen, appointed by the Chair, who shall forthwith consider and report who of the Clergymen, on said list, are entitled to all the privileges of members of the Convention; who are entitled to said privileges, with the exception of the right to vote on matters pertaining to the temporal affairs of the Churches; who are entitled to seats, but not to votes, and who are not entitled to either seats or votes. Such list, thus reported and approved of by the Convention, shall be appended to the Journal, and shall be transmitted to the Secretary of every General Convention.

Section 2.—No Clergyman, while suspended from the Ministry, shall have a place on said list.

Section 3.—The right of any Clergyman of this Diocese to a seat in the Convention, shall, if disputed, be determined, according to the provisions of the Constitution by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

Section 4.—The Bishop shall take such measures for notifying the admission of Ministers into this Diocese, as may prevent unwary and ignorant people from being imposed upon by persons pretending to be authorized Ministers of this Church. And his certificate shall be evidence of such admission.

CANON V.

Of persons wishing to be received as Candidates for Orders.

Any person, who desires to become a Candidate for Orders in this Diocese, shall make application in writing, to the Standing Committee, stating his age and previous occupation. He will also be expected to furnish the Committee with the testimonials required by the seventh (7th) Canon of the General Convention of 1853, and give them evidence that he has informed the Bishop of his intention, according to the requisitions of the same Canon.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. The opening of the Convention shall always be preceded by the Morning Service of the Church, a Sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper by the Bishop, or if the Episcopate be vacant, or the Bishop be not present, by the President of the Standing Committee. The business of every succeeding day shall be introduced with the Morning Service, and the business of every day shall be closed with appropriate Collects, pronounced by the President.

II. At the opening of each Annual Convention, when the President shall have taken the Chair, the Secretary shall first call over, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall then call over the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of Three, who shall forthwith examine them, and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized. Should the Committee have considered any testimonials unsatisfactory, these shall now be taken up, and the question of their sufficiency settled.

III. The further order of business for the first day of the session of the Convention, shall be as follows:

1. The reading of the "Rules of Order."
2. The election of a Secretary, who shall have power to appoint an Assistant Secretary.
3. The consideration of the application of Churches, or Parishes, for admission into the Convention.
4. The appointment, by the President, of Preachers for the first day of the next annual Convention.
5. The appointment, by the President, of two Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on unfinished Business, one (1) Clergyman and two (2) Laymen; the Committee on Finance, three (3) Laymen.
6. The annual communication of the Standing Committee of the Church.
7. The appointment of Special Committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.

IV. The daily order of proceedings, after the first day, shall be, on the President's taking the Chair:

1. The reading and approval of the Minutes.
2. Calling the names of the members absent on the preceding day.

3. The appointment of the Standing Committee of the Church.
4. The choosing of Deputies to the General Convention.
5. Calling upon each delegation to pay the assessment on their respective Churches or Parishes, for the Bishop's Common Fund, and for the expenses of the Convention.
6. Reports to be called for in the following order:
Committee on Finance.
Treasurer of Bishop's Permanent, Common and Convention Funds.
Committee on Unfinished Business.
Conventional School Committee.
Trustees for aged and Infirm Clergymen.
Committees appointed at preceding Convention.
Special Committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business.

V. Before the rising of the Convention, the Minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read and approved.

VI. The Bishop's Address shall be at any time in order.

VII. When the President shall take the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.

VIII. The delegation of each Church shall occupy one pew.

IX. No member shall absent himself from the Convention, unless he hath leave, or be unable to attend.

X. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself to the point in debate, and avoiding personality.

XI. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

XII. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Convention.

XIII. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session, except upon a motion to reconsider, which may be moved and seconded by any member who voted in the majority.

XIV. When the President is putting the question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the Church.

XV. No motion shall be considered before the Convention, unless seconded and reduced to writing, if the President or any member require it. A Minister or Delegate may not second a motion offered by a Minister or Delegate of the same Church with himself.

XVI. When a question is before the House, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named. A motion to strike out the word "Resolved," shall have precedence to a

motion to amend; and, if carried, shall be equivalent to a rejection of the resolution. Subject to these exceptions, the question first moved shall be first put.

XVII. Motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be decided without debate. A motion to adjourn may interrupt a speech, or any other business of the Convention.

XVIII. No leave of absence shall be indefinitely granted to any member, unless full and sufficient reason be given by him to the Convention.

XIX. All Special Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

XX. No member shall vote on any question, in the event of which he is immediately and personally interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.

XXI. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President *shall*, or any member *may* call to order; in which case, the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain. All questions of order shall be determined in the first instance, without debate, by the President; but any member may appeal from such decision to the Convention, and on such appeal, no member shall speak more than once, without leave of the Convention.

XXII. The President shall have the right to name a member to perform the duties of the Chair; but such substitution shall not extend an adjournment.

XXIII. Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, but not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not belonging to the Diocese, and Candidates for Orders, shall be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

XXIV. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended, without the concurrence of two-thirds (2-3ds) of the members present.

XXV. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the following are the sums which each Parish or Church shall annually contribute to a fund, to be called "The Bishop's Common Fund," to wit:

St. Michael's, Charleston,	$300	St. Paul's, Pendleton,	10
St. Philip's, do.	250	St. John's, Winnsboro',	10
St. Paul's, do.	150	Trinity Church, Society Hill,	10
St. Peter's, do.	150	St. David's, Cheraw,	10
Grace Church, do.	100	Church of the Messiah, North Santee,	10
Prince George, Winyaw,	50	St. Matthew's,	10
St John's, Berkley,	50	St. Mark's, Clarendon,	10
St. John's, Colleton,	50	St. James's, Goose Creek,	10
Edisto Island,	50	St. Andrew's,	10
All-Saints', Waccamaw,	50	Prince William's,	10
Trinity Church, Columbia,	50	Prince Frederick's,	10
St. Helena, Beaufort,	35	St. Paul's, Stono,	5
Grace Church, Camden,	30	Church of the Advent, Spartanburg,	5
St. Bartholomew's,	25	Calvary Church, Glenn Springs,	5
Church of the Holy Cross, Claremont,	20	Christ Church,	5
St. Helena, St. Helena Island,	10	St. James's, James Island,	5
Pineville and Upper St. John's,	20	St. Thaddæus, Aiken,	5
St. Thomas and St. Dennis,	20	Zion Church, Richland,	5
St. Luke's,	15	Trinity Church, Edgefield,	5
Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville,	15	Trinity Church, Abbeville,	5
Christ Church, Wilton,	15	Grace Church, Sullivan's Island,	5
St. James, Santee,	20	Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg,	5
Christ Church, Greenville,	10		

Passed 1824. *Amended* 1853–1854.

2. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Common Fund shall punctually pay over to the Bishop of the Diocese, the sum of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars, annually, in quarterly payments, from said fund; to enable him to discharge his Episcopal duties.

Passed 1835. *Amended* 1841.

3. *Resolved*, That whatever balance may remain, after paying the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the Bishop, shall be paid over to the Bishop's Permanent Fund. *Passed* 1834. *Amended.*

4. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, in his annual summons to the different Parishes or Churches, to state the quota of such Parishes or Churches, to the Bishop's Common Fund. *Passed* 1830.

5. *Resolved*, That the Parishes of St. Philip's, St. Michael's, and St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough, and St. Peter's Church and Grace Church, Charleston, shall each contribute ten (10) dollars annually, and each Parish or Church in the country five (5) dollars annually, towards defraying the expenses of the Convention; and that the Secretary, in issuing his summons to the Parish or Churches, shall inform them of this resolution; and that at each Annual Convention, the Treasurer shall apply to the Delegates of each Church for their respective contributions. *Passed* 1820. *Amended* 1829. 1848.

6. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, for the time being, to furnish the Ministers of the several Parishes or Churches, with blank copies of the usual form for the reports; and that they be and they are hereby required, *henceforth*, to make their annual returns conformably to the same. *Passed* 1826.

7. WHEREAS, according to the Consecration service of the Protestant Episcopal Church, "devout and holy men, as well under the Law "as under the Gospel, moved either by the express command of God, "or by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, and acting agreeably to their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, "have erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated "them from all *unhallowed*, *worldly*, and *common* uses, in order to fill "men's minds with greater reverence for his glorious Majesty, and "affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his service;" and, whereas, the delivering of orations, and holding elections, on secular or political subjects and occasions, and the usual worldly accompaniments and circumstances, are thought inconsistent with both the letter and spirit of this declaration of the Consecration service, and have been found to give pain to many members of our Communion, and generally to be of injurious tendency; therefore be it

Resolved by this Convention, That it be recommended to the Vestries of all Churches in this Diocese, to discourage, and, if possible, interdict the use of the Churches under their care, for all *unhallowed*, *worldly*, and *common* purposes. *Passed* 1828.

8. *Resolved*, That the custom of returning thanks for sermons preached before this body, is inexpedient and unnecessary, and shall not, in future, be observed. *Passed* 1829.

9. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay at or before every meeting of the General Convention, to the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the quota of this Diocese, towards defraying the contingent expenses of the General Convention. *Passed* 1832.

10. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the several Clergymen having a Parochial charge, to give notice to their respective Congregations, on the Sunday preceding the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, that divine service may be expected every day during the sitting of the Convention. *Passed* 1838. *Amended.*

11. *Resolved*, That the fund to be raised in conformity with a resolution for adopting measures to increase the Bishop's Permanent Fund, shall be called the "Convention Fund, raised for the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund;" shall be entrusted to the charge of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds; and shall not be used, either principal or interest, except for the purpose of investment, until the income shall be adequate, together with the income of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, to the support of the Episcopate, independent of a Parochial charge. *Passed* 1836, *and amended.*

12. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Parishes of the Diocese, to defray the expenses of their respective Pastors, incurred by their attendance on the Diocesan Convention. *Passed* 1838.

13. *Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the members of our Church, who are proprietors of slaves, individually and collectively to take measures for the *support* of Clerical Missionaries and Lay Catechists, who are members of our Church, for the religious instruction of their slaves. *Passed* 1838.

14. *Resolved*, That it be urged upon the Rectors and Vestries of the country Parishes, to exert themselves to obtain the services of such Clerical Missionaries and Lay Catechists. *Passed* 1838.

15. *Resolved*, That every Missionary and Catechist be approved of by the Bishop. *Passed* 1838.

16. *Resolved*, That the Clergy be required, on some suitable occasion previously to the meeting of the Convention in each year, to call the attention of their respective congregations to the importance of the punctual attendance of Delegates at such Convention.
Passed 1838.

17. *Resolved*, That no person who is a candidate for Orders, shall be admitted to a seat in this Convention as a Lay-Delegate from any Parish or Church. *Passed* 1838.

18. *Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the several Churches in this Diocese, that in the appointment of Delegates to the Diocesan Convention, they should select persons who are regular communicants of the Church. *Passed* 1841.

19. *Resolved*. That the Rector or officiating Minister, or in case of there being no Minister, the Chairman of the Vestry, in the different Parishes be requested at as early a date as possible after each annual election of Vestry and Wardens of their Church, to forward a list of their names to the President of the Standing Committee, and also a list to the Secretary of the Convention, that they may be kept on file.

20. *Resolved, unanimously,* That whereas the practice of both public and private travelling on the Lord's day, is deemed to be a prevalent evil of the times; and whereas, the 41st Canon of our Church, "of the due celebration of Sundays," prescribes that "all persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the Word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, in other exercises of devotion, and in acts of charity, using all godly and sober conversation."

Resolved, That the attention of the members of our Church, in this Diocese, be solicited to the above Canon. *Passed* 1844.

21. *Resolved,* That hereafter in voting by ballot, the Secretary shall call the names of the Clergy, and of the Churches in order, and the votes be brought forward and deposited with the Tellers as called for; and no vote shall be received after the Tellers begin to count the votes. *Passed* 1847. *Amended* 1851.

DIOCESAN COMMITTEES, &c.

1. Standing Committee of the Diocese:

The Rev. Christian Hanckel, D. D., *Chairman.*
" Paul Trapier,
" Paul Trapier Keith, *Secretary.*
" W. W. Spear,
" J. B. Campbell,
Dr, I. M. Campbell,
James H. Ladson,
H. D. Lesesne,
Edward McCrady,
C. G. Memminger.

2. Deputies to the General Convention:

The Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D.
" P. Trapier,
" P. J. Shand,
" E. Reed,
Hon. R. F. W. Allston,
Benjamin Huger, M. D.
Hon. R. W. Barnwell,
C. G. Memminger, Esq.

3. Trustees of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen:

The Bishop of the Diocese, *ex-officio Chairman.*
N. R. Middleton,
J. W. Faber,
James R. Pringle, *Treasurer.*

4. Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention:

The Rev. C. Wallace, *Post Office, Charleston.*

Assistant Secretary, The Rev. A. T. Porter, *Charleston.*

6. Treasurer of the "Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds," and of the "Convention's Fund for the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund:

John Hanckel, *Bank of the State of So. Ca., Charleston.*

7. Committee on Calvary Church, Charleston—to serve 4 years:

H. D. Lesesne,
William Jervey,
William A. Pringle,
Thomas M. Hanckel,
George M. Coffin,
W. E. Martin.

The next meeting of the Convention will be held in St. Philip's Church, Charleston, on the second Wednesday in February, 1856, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

LIST OF THE CLERGY.

		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
The Rt. Rev. Thos. Frederick Davis, D. D.,		*Camden.*
The Rev. T. S. Arthur,	.....	*Greenville.*
" W. H. Barnwell,	.....	*Beaufort.*
" Edmund E. Bellinger,	.....	*Edgefield C. H.*
" C. T. Bland,	.....	*Spartanburg C. H.*
" J. Barnwell Campbell,	.....	*Charleston.*
" A. L. Converse,	.....	*Stateburg.*
" Andrew H: Cornish,	.....	*Pendleton.*
" John H. Cornish,	.....	*Aiken.*
" M. A. Curtis, D. D.,	.....	*Society Hill.*
" Thomas F. Davis, Jr.,	.....	*Camden.*
" William Dehon,	.....	*Pineville.*
" J. Grimké Drayton,	.....	*Charleston.*
" James H. Elliott,	.....	*Charleston.*
" Stephen Elliott,	.....	*Pocotaligo.*
" John R. Fell,	.....	*Charleston.*
" John Foster,	.....	
" Philip Gadsden,	.....	*Summerville.*
" C. P. Gadsden,	.....	*Charleston.*
" P. T. Gervais,	.....	*Charleston.*
" T. C. Girardeau,	.....	*North Santee.*
" Alexander Glennie,	.....	*Georgetown.*
" Richardson Graham,	.....	
" William Greene,	.....	*Germantown, Pa.*
" Alexander Gregg,	.....	*Cheraw.*
" Charles H. Hall,	.....	*John's Island.*
" Christian Hanckel, D. D.,	.....	*Charleston.*
" J. S. Hanckel,	.....	*Charleston.*
" Wm. H. Hanckel,	.....	*Edisto Island.*
" R. Henry, D. D.,	.....	*Columbia.*
" Robert T. Howard,	.....	*Georgetown.*
" Wm. B. W. Howe,	.....	*Monck's Corner.*
" Joseph Hunter,	.....	*Georgetown*
" Nathaniel Hyatt,	.....	*South Santee, Way-mail.*
" P. Gervais Jenkins,	.....	*Bluffton.*
" Benjamin Johnson,	.....	*Walterborough.*
" Roberts P. Johnson,	.....	*Winnsboro'.*
" P. Trapier Keith,	.....	*Charleston.*
" L. C. Lance,	.....	*Georgetown.*

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The Rev.	M. H. Lance, ...	*Georgetown.*
"	Charles E. Leverett, ...	*McPhersonville.*
"	Edward C. Logan, ...	*Charleston.*
"	Thomas N. Lucas, ...	*Bradford Springs.*
"	A. W. Marshall, D. D., ...	*Charleston.*
"	David McElheran, ...	*Beaufort.*
"	S. Mellichamp, ...	*James Island.*
"	J. W. Miles, ...	*Charleston.*
"	A. Moore, ...	*Mar's Bluff.*
"	John D. McCollough, ...	*Spartanburg C. H.*
"	E. Phillips, ...	*Charleston.*
"	C. C. Pinckney, Jr., ...	*Charleston.*
"	A. T. Porter, ...	*Charleston.*
"	W. T. Potter, ...	*Beaufort.*
"	Wm. O. Prentiss, ...	*Walterboro'.*
"	J. M. Pringle, ...	*Columbia.*
"	Edward Reed, ...	*Flat Rock, N. C.*
"	John J. Roberts, ...	*Stateburg.*
"	Julius Sams, ...	
"	Joseph B. Seabrook, ...	*Bluffton.*
"	Richard S. Seely, ...	*Chesterville.*
"	John Sellwood, ...	*Grahamville.*
"	P. J. Shand, ...	*Columbia.*
"	J. A. Shanklin, ...	*Charleston.*
"	Wm. W. Spear, ...	*Charleston.*
"	Jas. Stoney, M. D., ...	*Bluffton.*
"	Paul Trapier, ...	*Charleston.*
"	E. A. Wagner, ...	*Spartanbnrg C. H.*
"	Jos. R. Walker, D. D., ...	*Beaufort.*
"	Edw. T. Walker, ...	*Newberry C. H.*
"	C. B. Walker, ...	*Edgefield C. H.*
"	C.Wallace, ...	*Charleston.*
"	B. C. Webb, ...	
"	Arthur Wigfall, ...	*Barhamville, near Columbia,*
"	Alsop Woodward, ...	*Bluffton.*